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No federal disaster aid for NMI

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The damage on public infrastructure brought by Typhoon Vongfong last Oct. 6 failed to reach the \$1-million threshold needed for the CNMI to qualify for Presidential Disaster Assistance, according to Homeland Security and Emergency Management special adviser Marvin Seman.

» **Damage from Vongfong totaled less than \$500K**

"We did not qualify or meet the criteria for a presidential directive. It's just not about the \$1 million [threshold]. We looked at every possible avenue from the presidential directive from FEMA [Federal Emergency Management Agency] to SBA [Small Business Administration]. The threshold was \$1 million, CNMI-wide. We didn't reach \$1 million in public disaster and thus the CNMI is not qualified for federal disaster aid," he said in an interview

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Inos not attending Chamber forum

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Inos

On the orders of his doctors, Gov. Eloy S. Inos will be spending the next couple of days in the Philippines getting treatment on a "routine medical procedure" and will therefore not be able to attend the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Gubernatorial Forum on Monday.

"It is with much regret that I will not be able to attend the Chamber of Commerce Forum on Monday, Oct. 27," said Inos in a statement emailed to *Saipan Tribune*. "I want to thank both the

[Northern Marianas Descent Corp.] and the Chamber for hosting such important events, and I express my regrets that I am not able to attend. I also want to assure both organizations that I will address any and all questions they would like to have answered."

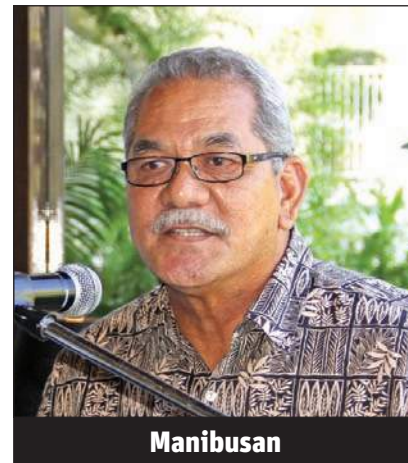
Aside from the Chamber and NMDC events, Inos will also miss the CNMI Republican Party kickoff rally on Rota this Saturday.

'Simple procedure'

The governor also took the opportunity

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Manibusan



Evangelista

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Former Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan and attorney Michael Norita Evangelista shared their thoughts and views yesterday on the position of elected attorney general and laid out their plans if voted to the posi-

tion this Nov. 4 election.

Manibusan and Evangelista, who are the two contenders for the first elected AG in the CNMI, were the guest speakers at the CNMI Bar Association's general membership meeting at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni's Restaurant.

After their speeches, the two candi-

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DENNIS B. CHAN

From right to left, Tyra Reese Atalig Calvo places first, Kelvin Wolf places second, and Jennilyn Candia places third in the junior division of 11th annual Valentine N. Sengebau Poetry Competition.

Norcio, Nishida, Calvo win poetry competition

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Nine schools, 33 students, and 21 recitations later, Wednesday night's 11th Annual Valentine N. Sengebau Po-

etry Competition concluded with Ann Margaret Norcio and Yuuki Nishida of Marianas High School emerging first place in the senior division, and Tyra Reese Atalig Calvo of Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja taking home

first place in the junior division.

This, after a couple of hours of performances filled with the defiance, histrionics, and half-mumbled sentiments about identity and culture typi-

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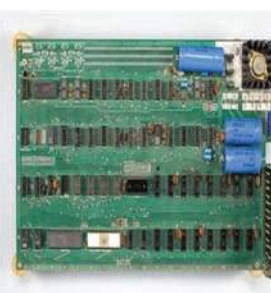
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Renee Zellweger says she looks different because she's "living a happy life."

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IN CASE VS EX-ROTA LIAISON STAFF

Judge excludes testimony of the alleged victim, mother

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has excluded the testimony of a mother and her son, whom former Rota liaison employee Allan Apatang Taitano allegedly tried to sexually assault.

In an order on Wednesday, Camacho granted Taitano's motion to exclude the testimony of the alleged victim, who is his godson. In a separate order yesterday, Camacho also granted Taitano's request to exclude the testimony of the mother of the alleged victim.

Taitano, 44, is facing charges that he attempted to sexually assault his then 21-year-old godson. His scheduled jury trial will be on Oct. 27, 2014.

The judge said he finds it necessary at this time to exclude the testimony of the alleged victim, reiterating that government representatives must maintain a strictly neutral position concerning a witness' right to either agree to or decline defense interviews.

"Comments and actions that indicate that speaking with the defense is bad for the case, bad for the witness, not preferred by the prosecution, or not advisable—all impermissibly interfere with a defendant's due process rights," the judge pointed out.

Camacho reminded prosecutors of the Office of the Attorney General that it is necessary to ensure that all staff members understand that the government cannot discourage alleged victims or their family members from speaking with defense attorneys.

The issue is whether the words and conduct of OAG representatives discouraged the complainant from speaking with defense attorneys, thereby interfering with Taitano's right to equal access to witnesses and trial preparation.

The other issue is whether

there was any government interference with Taitano's right to attempt to talk to the mother of the alleged victim.

The court inquired whether there was any direct communication with the mother to that effect, and whether the improper government interference with defendant's access to the alleged victim spilled over to the mother.

Camacho found that the government's actions were clearly not neutral, and instead discouraged the alleged victim from speaking with defense counsel.

Chief public defender Douglas Hartig is counsel for Taitano.

Camacho said it is undisputed that assistant attorney general Margo Brown-Badawy told the alleged victim that it was not in his best interest to speak with Taitano's attorneys.

Camacho said that after receiving a call from the alleged victim on her phone informing her that there were two people who wanted to speak with him, Brown-Badawy told the alleged victim to heed her advice that it was not in his best interest to speak with them.

The judge said it is also undisputed that this advice was repeated more than once to the alleged victim by a government investigator.

Camacho said the conduct of OAG representatives implied that the alleged victim should be wary of the defense attorneys, that it was not recommended for him to be alone with them, and that it would be bad for the case and the alleged victim if he chose to speak with them.

In her affidavit, Brown-Badawy stated that she would never tell a witness not to speak with the defense.

As for the mother, Camacho said her statements did not show that she was making the choice not to be interviewed by the de-

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NMI leadership trumpets small business loan program

»Government agency leaders and staff gear up to refer vendors to Small Business Expo

As part of a concerted effort to support small businesses in the CNMI, department heads and key staff members participated in a brainstorming session to generate interest in the Department of Commerce's State Small Business Credit Initiative Program.

Commonwealth Development Authority executive director Manny Sablan, along with acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider, stressed the importance of each agency committing to getting the word out

to government contractors, vendors, service providers, and other CNMI-based businesses about the availability of \$13.1 million in guarantee funding through local banks.

"We know that there are good firms out there doing business with us that could be even better if they have access to capital to improve or expand their operations," said Hofschneider.

He encouraged CNMI agencies such as the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Division of Pro-

curement and Supply and others who contract with local businesses to contact the program's administrator, CDA or the Pacific Small Business Development Center to see how they might use the program.

Several agency heads expressed enthusiasm for the program.

"We have businesses that provide goods and services to our facilities. I'm going to personally make sure that I make a visit and let them know about this opportunity," said Department of Corrections Commissioner Ramon C. Mafnas as he gathered brochures and flyers.

Perry Inos, director of the Pacific Small Business Development Center, highlighted some recent success stories for the program and pointed out that his center can help entrepreneurs walk through the process and help make the introduction to banks that would be the best match for their loan needs.

"This is an 'all hands on deck' call to action," said Nancy Montoya, a consultant who has been working on the program here on the CNMI. "Small businesses often don't know where to turn to for help or don't know about programs that can make the difference between a 'maybe' and a 'yes.'"

It's great to see your leaders involved and supporting their local communities."

Businesses and would-be entrepreneurs are invited to attend the free Small Business Expo, to be held at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Sandcastle Theatre tomorrow, Oct. 25, from 9am to 12pm. (Office of the Governor)

3 Managaha beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged three sections of Managaha Island and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are the beach near the statue, the Managaha Beach, and the waters next to the dock.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Managaha's

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EVANGELISTA

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dates answered some questions asked by Bar members.

Evangelista, who was the first to deliver his speech, said that having an elected AG represents the “will of the people” and ensures accountability to the people. He said it guarantees independence to the office of the top law enforcement officer of the CNMI.

Because the AG is no longer

appointed by the governor, the Office of the Attorney General is now free from political influence and interference, he said.

“The AG is now insulated and protected from political reprisals, retribution, and even removed by an over-bearing and interfering governor,” said Evangelista, who used to serve as a criminal prosecutor.

This newfound independence, Evangelista said, maximizes the AG’s ability to perform his or her duties without

fear of losing one’s job.

“This is job security that was nonexistent before. Having this job security now strengthens the office’s ability to fight corruption at all levels of government and enforce the laws to the fullest extent,” he said.

Having an elected AG also legitimizes the OAG, he said, because this allows the OAG to check the powers of the Executive Branch, protects against any abuse of power, and ensures that all laws are enforced.

“This ensures that no one is above the law and, inherently, it promotes and strengthens public trust in the Office of the Attorney General,” Evangelista said.

The people, he said, want an AG whose office is independent and free from any political interference, and they want an AG who will not tolerate corruption and one who will aggressively fight corruption in government.

“I, too, agree wholeheartedly with our people’s mandate and that is why I am standing here

today before you,” he said.

Manibusan began his speech by briefly citing his legal career background and government positions, including as past Bar Association president, a short stint as attorney general, Superior Court presiding judge, and Department of Public Safety police director, among others. He cited years of managerial experience as attorney, judge, and administrator.

Manibusan said if he is elected, he will work with the Legislature to secure the AG’s authority to do its procurement, hiring of personnel, and setting its own budget.

He said he will review the office’s staffing necessities, including salary and benefits, recruitment, retention and training of staff.

Manibusan said he also wants to acquire office space to see the entire AG’s office under one roof. “This increases efficiency, pooling resources and cost savings,” he pointed out.

Manibusan said he will establish a division or section to handle white collar/public corruption cases such as special investigative unit and task forces.

He will also create a solicitor’s division to expedite providing legal advice to the governor and agencies and provide review of contracts, and to centralize all AG legal opinions.

Manibusan said he will explore the idea of establishing a Tax Section to review and enforce tax codes and statutes.

He noted that the Division of

Revenue and Taxation has had no director for a long time now “so there may be lacking in enforcement of tax laws.”

Manibusan said he wants to ensure that OAG activities are coordinated with law enforcement, emphasizing the importance of pursuing justice and not just prosecuting for the numbers.

“This means looking at the charging phase of the case, plea bargaining policies, working with law enforcement in investigating cases,” he said.

He underscored the need to review or establish policies for arrest and detention.

“Too many time, cases are brought via arrest and detention without adequate investigation,” he said.

Prosecutors are left out in the cold and valuable time is taken away from them when cases are brought prematurely, he added.

The former judge said he wants to ensure full freedom of political expression, look at some form of sentencing guidelines, and fight cyber crime.

In protecting the people of the CNMI, Manibusan said he will appoint a consumer counsel to protect consumers from fraud and that procurement of good and services by the government will be taken seriously.

He vowed to ensure transparency in all government procurement.

“I will protect taxpayer’s money from waste and abuse,” Manibusan added.

Evaluation of 2 judges, justice done; Bar withholds results

The CNMI Bar Association completed the tabulation of evaluation forms on the performances of CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice John A. Manglona, Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja, and Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo, but did not release the results yesterday as the Bar had earlier announced.

Bar president Maya Kara

told *Saipan Tribune* that they already tabulated the 30 forms on Wednesday but, for reasons of politeness and respect, they are going to inform Manglona, Naraja and Govendo first what their specific results were.

“They don’t have to open the paper and read about it. They will be notified first,” said Kara after the Bar’s general member-

ship meeting yesterday at Hyatt Regency Saipan’s Giovanni’s Restaurant.

Bar administrative director Suzanne Steffy earlier disclosed that the results would be announced at the general membership meeting.

Kara said she will notify the candidates for retention today, Friday, by phone about the results.

“As soon as it’s done, I will write a press release,” she added.

Only 30 of the 121 active Bar members who are based in the Commonwealth reportedly took part in the evaluation.

Justice Manglona and Judges Naraja and Govendo are all seeking their third retention on the bench this Nov. 4 election. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

INOS

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in his statement to belie rumors about his health.

“As many of you know, I am in the Philippines after undergoing a procedure and my doctor has scheduled my last treatment for the next couple [of] days, at which time I will immediately fly back home. Contrary to what some people may be spreading, my doctor is extremely pleased with my health and quite frankly very dismayed that some are questioning how some would consider this simple procedure a reason to not trust my ability to govern.”

The statement added that Inos was scheduled for the procedure six months ago but, given the seriousness of the NMI Retirement Fund issue taking place, he postponed the

treatment until the matter had been taken cared of.

He said his doctors even explained that he could’ve waited until next year, as it was not a serious procedure. Unfortunately, when Inos went to the Philippines he was stricken with the shingles, which prevented the doctors from performing the procedure.

Shingles is a painful, blistering skin rash due to the varicella-zoster virus, the virus that causes chickenpox.

“I can assure you, my people, that I am doing very well and am quite anxious to return home, although I will miss the hospitality of the people here, the nurses, and doctors, and the company of the CNMI patients here,” Inos added. “I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers for not only myself but for all the other CNMI residents currently receiving treatment here

in the [Philippines].”

Acting press secretary Ivan Blanco added that the GOP and the Inos administration have nothing to hide with regards to the governor’s condition.

“We have been very consistent in our statements that the governor is doing well and should his condition change we will be sure to let the people of the CNMI know. What we continue to caution against is running a story that is filled with misinformation and rumors from ‘sources’ who may or may not be in the Philippines, are not members of the governor’s medical team (or a medical professional at all because they would be violating the doctor/patient confidentiality laws), and are certainly not aware of the governor’s treatment,” he said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

Blanco hopes the community continues to respect Inos’ privacy as he undergoes treatment in Manila.

The governor also gave kudos to acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider and the rest of his Cabinet in keeping the CNMI government running smoothly the past few weeks he’s been gone.

Ralph as stand-in in forum

Inos’ running mate, Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), said he’s ready for the challenge if the GOP and the Chamber allow him to substitute for the governor in Monday’s Gubernatorial Forum.

He added that the campaign is doing fine and will be even better once Inos returns home and leads the political rallies.

Chamber executive director Jill Arenovski, meanwhile, said whether or not Torres can stand in for Inos during the forum is a matter that will be decided upon by the Chamber board.

FEDERAL

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with *Saipan Tribune* Wednesday.

Last week, Seman, along with acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider, Attorney General Gilbert Birnrich, and acting press secretary Ivan Blanco, flew to Tinian and Rota to assess the damage caused by Typhoon Vongfong.

Using rough estimates, Seman said total damage from Vongfong in the CNMI didn’t even reach half a million dollars.

“Overall estimate on the figures that we have with [the Public School System] comes in at roughly \$30,000 and the central government comes at \$50,000 for the overall management of the disaster and coordinating with the municipalities of Tinian and Rota. The [cost in] utilities is another thing, but overall we didn’t even break \$500,000.”

When asked which island took the brunt of the damage from the typhoon, Seman said it was surprisingly Saipan and not Rota, where the typhoon came closest.

“We assessed all three islands and in general Saipan appears to have sustained the most damage and that’s because of the population. Overall, if you look at it in context it would be the same, two or three houses damaged on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota and the crop damage.”

Seman also said while the seaplane ramp on Rota was indeed damaged, as reported earlier by Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota), it was not extensive enough to put the CNMI in the \$1-million FEMA disaster threshold.

“Besides, that was mostly due to erosion,” Seman said of the damage to Rota’s seaplane ramp.

He said other damage they inspected last week appeared

to have been caused by previous typhoons and storms, which further disqualifies the CNMI from federal assistance in the first place.

“The tricky thing with a presidential directive is it should be for that event. In the case of the CNMI we had Phanfone and Vongfong come by and various small storms that passed us by creating storm surge to the island. All those small storms don’t matter. It has to be that one particular one causing major damage.”

All in all, even if the CNMI will not be getting federal assistance, Seman said it was still a good exercise for all emergency agencies.

“We had an opportunity to talk to the FEMA office and as well as the SBA. We are actually grateful to both FEMA and SBA because they had individuals come down here. FEMA sent one ahead of the storm and that’s part of the protocol.”

Seman said HSEM also took a look at the SBA assistance but the CNMI again fell short of qualifying since the threshold for the program was for 25 damaged homes for the entire CNMI.

Crop damage assessment caused by Typhoon Vongfong was delegated to the Department of Land and Natural Resources and NMC-CREES.

Seman also thanked the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs for the help they’ve done for individuals and families who lost their homes in the wake of the typhoon.

He said Saipan is dealing with three who were rendered homeless because of Vongfong, while Tinian also has the same number. Those on Tinian have been brought in by other family members, while those on Saipan are currently staying at one of DCCA’s long-term shelters.

NORCIO

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cal of youth.

Norcio and Nishida won for the piece *Who Am I?*, performed with a melodramatic sense of despair that begged the title question aloud. The poem answered itself with declarations of how the speakers talked, thought, loved, understood, and celebrated like different cultures on island.

The junior division required performers to recite one of Sengebau’s poems by heart.

Calvo won for her rendition of *The Plague*.

Prior to her delivery, she expounded on the topic of “arrogance,” which she thought was central to the poem. She told the crowd it was important to know the difference between esteem and pride.

With preacher-like bombast, she dived into her recital, evok-

ing images of waves roaring, dark skies, and a wandering man with sermon-like dread and feeling. However, she later guided listeners to the “new dawn” glimmering within the poem, and “nature’s lesson” of its raw power over man.

Judges of the content of the original poetry were Bobby Cruz, Zaldy Dandan, and John Gonzales. Judges for the recitation of poems were Belen Busby, Carolyn Hosono, and Michael A. White.

Hopwood Junior High School, Dandan Middle School, Dr. Rita Inos Jr. Sr. High School, ESFB, Mount Carmel School, San Antonio Middle School, Seventh Day Adventist, Tinian Jr. Sr. High School, and Marianas High School participated in the competition.

Sengebau is known as Micronesia’s foremost poet, and spent the last 25 years of his life on Saipan.

staff, there is no finding of prosecutorial misconduct concerning the mother.

In order to be effective, the remedy for the son’s issue must also extend to the mother, Camacho said.

Police arrested Taitano in April 2013 in Dandan for allegedly attempting to sexually assault his godson inside a vehicle in an open field in As Lito. The victim allegedly managed to run away and hide in the jungle for several hours.

Taitano pleaded not guilty. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

JUDGE

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fense investigator based on her personal feelings. Instead, the judge said, the mother’s statements echoed the message that had been communicated to her son by the attorney and investigator of the OAG: that speaking to the defense went against the alleged victim’s “best interests.”

Camacho, however, determined that because there was no finding of additional action by the prosecutor or other OAG

Portland State U partners with NMC, other institutions



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Portland State University will receive a \$24 million research and training grant from the National Institutes of Health to work with the Northern Marianas College and other institutions to help underrepresented and diverse students pursue careers in biomedical, behavioral, social, or clinical research and other health sciences.

The funding will support students of Pacific Islander, Hispanic, African American, American Indian, and Alaskan Native heritage as well as students with disabilities, histories of foster care or economic disadvantage.

Wim Wiewel, president of PSU, said, "Never before has there been such a robust program to create opportunities for underrepresented students to pursue degrees in health sciences."

"We are excited to be working with Portland State University to enhance diversity in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical, and social science workforce," said Northern Marianas College president Dr. Sharon Hart.

"This collaboration also underscores NMC's growing strategic partnerships aimed at building workforce capacity."

The money will fund PSU's new Enhancing Cross-disciplinary Infrastructure Training at Oregon program. Students from the Northern Marianas College and other institutions who are accepted to the program will receive scholarships, stipends, mentoring, summer seminars, paid job experience, and dedicated academic and financial aid advising—essentially, every-

thing a student would need to be successful.

Carlos Crespo, project director, is excited about this innovative model to train the next generation from underrepresented backgrounds. "This program provides wrap-around support throughout the year," said Crespo. "By working with our partners, it creates a pathway for success whether they start at PSU or transfer in."

PSU is collaborating with Oregon Health and Science University, Portland Community College, Chemeketa Community College, Clackamas Community College, Clark College, University of Alaska, University of Hawaii, University of Guam, American Samoa Community College, and Northern Marianas College.

"This project will open doors to additional student scholarships, provide paid internship experiences for our student to work with professors and scientists from PSU, increase opportunities for our learners to transfer into other colleges, better prepare those interested in seeking STEM related degrees, and provide training for NMC mentors," said Charlotte Cepeda, director of NMC's School of Education.

The PSU grant is part of a larger \$240 million investment by the NIH to develop new approaches that engage researchers, including those from backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical sciences, and prepare them to thrive in the NIH-funded workforce. PSU is one of 10 primary institutions selected through this initiative,

» Tie-up will help underrepresented students pursue careers in biomedicine, other sciences

which ultimately supports 50 institutions through partnerships. The awardees will establish a national consortium to develop, implement, and evaluate approaches to en-

courage students to pursue biomedical research careers.

"In addition to the hard work and creativity of our lead investigators, PSU's ability to win this major award was enhanced

by our extensive collaborations with OHSU, and by recent investments in our research infrastructure," said Jon Fink, VP of Research and Strategic Partnerships. "As has been shown

repeatedly around the country, a single large grant like this has the power to transform universities. We look forward to building on this terrific accomplishment." (NMC/PR)



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Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Homeland Security And Emergency Management, a large north-northeast swell is diminishing but a secondary long-period northeast swell generated by another strong low pressure system over the North Pacific will arrive on Friday and cause hazardous surf through early Sunday afternoon.

A high surf advisory remains in effect until 4pm Sunday.

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may briefly fall below hazardous levels as a north-northeast swell diminishes. However, a long-period northeast swell will increase today, Friday, causing hazardous surf of 7 to 9 feet along north facing reefs to continue through early Sunday afternoon. Surf is then expected to fall below hazardous levels Sunday evening.

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Tang renegotiates deal with law firm to pursue claim against Merrill Lynch

NMI Settlement Fund trustee Joyce C. H. Tang has renegotiated the terms of a proposed arrangement with a law firm that is currently representing the claims against the NMI Retirement Fund's former consultant, Merrill Lynch.

Under the proposal submitted to federal court, Tang and the Florida-based Levin law firm, which is representing individual claimants against Merrill Lynch, may hire additional counsel if it is in the best interests of the Settlement Fund.

The CNMI government, however, reserves the right to object to hiring more lawyers

and paying the law firm of Bronster Hoshibata, which is counsel for Betty Johnson and the settlement class.

Tang, Gov. Eloy Inos, the CNMI government, Johnson and the settlement class, NMI Retirement Fund, Levin law firm, and O'Connor law firm (another counsel for individual claimants) signed the agreement, stating that it is in the best interests of the Settlement Fund and the class for Tang to enter into a revised arrangement.

The parties also agree that it is in the best interest of the Settlement Fund and the class for Tang to accept the assignment

by the "assignees" (claimants) pursuant to the terms of the assignment agreement.

The assignees (claimants) are Mariano Taitano, Roman Tudela, and Patricia Guerrero. The Retirement Fund's board assigned to them the claims asserted in the Merrill Lynch litigation.

Merrill Lynch was the Fund board's investment consultant until 2010. During the time of the consultancy relationship, the value of Fund's assets reportedly declined substantially.

As a result, Taitano, Tudela and Guerrero, through the O'Connor law firm, sued the

Fund's board, Merrill Lynch, and others in Superior Court for damages relating to the decline of the Fund's assets.

The lawsuit in Superior Court was then stayed and the matter was submitted to arbitration before the Financial Industry Regulation Authority, or FINRA.

The assignees and the O'Connor law firm now wish to assign their interests in the Merrill Lynch litigation to the Settlement Fund, so the Settlement Fund can prosecute the case in its own name.

Tang requested the U.S. District Court for the NMI to allow

the Settlement Fund to substitute as the claimant in an arbitration proceeding before FINRA.

The federal court approved Tang's request in principle, but rejected last month the initial proposed arrangement with the claimants' counsel.

The parties asked the court to issue an order authorizing Tang to enter into an assignment agreement and substitute the individual claimants in the FINRA arbitration.

Under the new proposed arrangement, the Levin law firm shall represent the Settlement Fund in the FINRA arbitration and any appeals, including the collection of any arbitration

award or settlement.

The agreement is based upon a contingent fee and the Levin law firm will only be paid if a recovery is obtained. If no recovery is obtained, the Settlement Fund is under no obligation to pay the Levin law firm. There will also be no retainer fee or deposit.

The Levin law firm agrees to reimburse the law firm of Bronster Hoshibata for legal services and expenses incurred in connection with the FINRA arbitration up to \$50,000 from the fee.

Any payment or agreement to associate as counsel with the Bronster Hoshibata law firm shall be subject to court approval.

The O'Connor law firm will be paid a referral fee for work performed in connection with the Superior Court action and the FINRA arbitration to date. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Ogumoro's, Kosam's motion to dismiss under advisement

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman placed under advisement yesterday the motion of former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogumoro and former Commonwealth Ports Authority chief Jordan Kosam to dismiss the charges against them.

Attorneys Edward Arriola Sr. and Joaquin Torres argued the motion to dismiss on behalf of Ogumoro and Kosam, respectively.

Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George L. Hasselback opposed the motion.

Arriola argued that OPA has no authority to prosecute Ogumoro. Citing the case of former Division of Aging director Rose Mondala, Arriola cited that on Sept. 10, 2014, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo held that the Attorney General violated the separation of powers by delegating general prosecutorial powers to members of an agency that has no such authority. Arriola said the public auditor lacks constitutional and legislative authority to prosecute this case.

Torres adopted Arriola's arguments.

In the government's opposition, Hasselback said the defendants' arguments are based upon

a complete misunderstanding of the facts surrounding the prosecution of this case.

Hasselback said the sole source of his authority to prosecute Ogumoro and Kosam is, and has always been, the court's Aug. 17, 2012, order that named him a "special prosecutor."

Hasselback said the case is not being prosecuted pursuant to any authority delegated by the OAG. He also pointed out the OAG did not object to his role as special prosecutor in this case.

OPA charged Ogumoro with 15 criminal charges for his role in, among other things, shielding then-attorney general Edward T. Buckingham from being served with penal summons in August 2012.

Aside from Ogumoro and Kosam, OPA also filed criminal charges against former CPA police captain John T. Rebuénog, former governor Benigno Fitial and Fitial's former personal driver and bodyguard, Jermaine Joseph W. Nekaifes, for their participation in shielding Buckingham from being served with penal summons.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo dismissed the case against Nekaifes at Hasselback's request. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Prosecutor Brown-Badawy leaving for Virgin Islands

»AAG Barbara Cepeda also moving back to Guam

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Assistant attorney general Margo Brown-Badawy is leaving the CNMI after serving at the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division for two and a half years.

Brown-Badawy's last day of office will be on Nov. 6, 2014. She will move to the U.S. Virgin Islands, where she is planning to continue to work as a prosecutor.

The prosecutor said she is leaving the Commonwealth because her husband, assistant U.S. attorney Rami S. Badawy, has been transferred to the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"We all love Saipan, but it is just hard to be away from family for two and a half years. And the flights are long," she said.

For Margo-Brown, leaving the Commonwealth is definitely bittersweet. She said her experience here has been great. "We have some of the best staff," said Brown-Badawy, adding she is going to miss the camaraderie at the Office of the Attorney General.

After working in the prosecutor's office for two and a half years, she said they obtained a lot of experience that they would not have had in the U.S. mainland.

Brown-Badawy believes that the OAG Criminal Division has been doing a great job as it is.

After doing federal policy for Health and Human Services as a policy analyst in Washington

D.C., Brown-Badawy came to work in the CNMI as a criminal prosecutor in April 2012. It was her first time to be a prosecutor.

Since 2002, Brown-Badawy's assignments have been sex

crimes, domestic violence, and crimes against children.

Brown-Badawy and chief prosecutor Brian Flaherty successfully prosecuted habitual offender Joseph A. Crisostomo for

the kidnapping, rape, and murder of bartender Emerita Romero.

On Nov. 7, 2014, Brown-Badawy's colleague, assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda, is moving back to Guam.

Last August, assistant attorney general Chemere McField also left the CNMI, while AAG James McAllister moved from the OAG's Criminal Division to the Civil Division. McAllister resigned in the first week of October for a job in the U.S. mainland. Brown-Badawy said they're

hiring a new prosecutor by Oct. 27, 2014, and that there might be another one soon after.

After Brown-Badawy's and Cepeda's departure, the OAG's Criminal Division will have four remaining prosecutors—Flaherty, Heather Barcinas, Chester Hinds, and Graef Clayton.



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HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE 18-1 (English)

This initiative proposes a constitutional amendment to change the definition of Northern Marianas descent (NMD) as used in Article XII and its restriction of ownership of long-term interests in land to persons of NMD. This would be a change from the current definition where a person is NMD if s/he is 1) a citizen or national of the United States and is 2) of at least one-quarter Northern Marianas Chamorro or Northern Marianas Carolinian blood or a combination thereof or 3) an adopted child of a person of Northern Marianas descent if adopted while under the age of eighteen years.

- (1) No change to the requirement of US citizenship or national status is proposed.
- (2) The blood quantum definition would be changed from ¼ blood quantum to "some degree." However, the constitutional amendment requires a person who has less than 25% quantum of Chamorro/Carolinian blood to file and prove their claim of status with the CNMI Superior Court.
- (3) Adopted children would not be included as NMD unless they were NMD at birth to their biological family.

The proposed amendment also specifies the evidentiary burden in court proceedings (preponderance of the evidence) and standard of review on appeal (de novo).

The purpose of the proposed initiative is to conform the Constitutional definition of NMD to the 18th Legislature's opinion of what should be considered NMD. No further statement of public purpose or findings in support of the proposal are given.

PROS

The change to "some degree" of Northern Marianas Chamorro or Carolinian blood or combination thereof increases the pool of persons considered NMD. As NMDs marry persons from outside of the pool of NMDs, each successive generation has a smaller quantum of blood status. This change would allow each succeeding generation to claim NMD status, so long as they could trace their ancestry back to at least one person of NMD status. This change is consistent with the pattern and practice of marriage and family that is already prevalent in the CNMI and would help preserve land ownership along family lines. It is consistent with a "cultural" viewpoint of NMD.

The change to exclude adopted children from the classification of NMD would decrease the pool of persons considered NMD. It is consistent with a "racial" viewpoint of NMD.

CONS

The change to "some degree" of blood quantum dilutes the value of bloodlines. Eventually someone with less than .1% of Chamorro or Carolinian ancestry would still qualify as NMD. This amplification of the definition of NMD is inconsistent with the "racial" viewpoint of NMD.

The change to eliminate adopted children from NMD status means that NMDs will not be able to pass full ownership of their land on to all of their children if any of their children were adopted from non-NMD parents. This would apply whether the adopted child was originally from Micronesia or the US or some foreign country. This would create a different classification among children who would otherwise be equal. It also means that children adopted by NMDs could not become fully integrated into NMD culture as they would not be permitted to participate in land ownership. Even a child adopted at birth and raised for an entire lifetime in an NMD culture, speaking the language and being a member of an NMD family, would not be NMD. This treatment of adopted children is not consistent with Chamorro or Carolinian cultural norms, and is not consistent with community standards for family integrity and the best interests of children. It is inconsistent with the "cultural" viewpoint of NMD.

The requirement that NMDs who claim status based on less than 25% quantum blood get a court determination could become onerous on the judicial branch, as well as on the NMD claimants. The amendment as written does not limit this requirement to cases where NMD status is contested, but requires it in all situations where the blood quantum is less than 25%. With each successive generation, there will be more and more people who would be eligible and required to file such claims.

Also, there is no time limit specified for the claim. This creates an unsettled legal question whether such status could be barred by the statute of limitations if a claim is not filed within a specified time. This could result in costly litigation. The requirement to file a claim in Court to prove NMD status seems inconsistent with the basic definition as would be effectuated by the change that any person with some degree of NMD ancestry would be an NMD.

CONCLUSION

There is no statement of public purpose by which to assess the proposed changes. The proposed changes are somewhat internally inconsistent, with one provision ("some degree") that is based on a cultural conception of NMD and one provision (no adoptees) that is based on a racial classification of NMD.

The proposed amendment would potentially increase the number of people who qualify as NMD by allowing those with "some degree" of ancestry to qualify; however it would definitely reduce the number of people who qualify for NMD by eliminating adopted children. It would require all NMDs with less than 25% quantum of Chamorro / Carolinian blood to file a claim in the CNMI Superior Court to prove their status. It is unsettled whether a statute of limitation may be applied to deny the claims of those with less than 25% blood quantum or their successive generations.

HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE 18-1 (Chamorro)

Esti na initiative ha proponi i constitutional amendment na para u tulaika i definision i Northern Marianas descent (NMD) kumu ma'usa gi Attikulu XII yan iyon-na restriction gi anakku' na teman intires siha gi dueñun tánu' para i mampetsona siha ni NMD. Esti para u matulaika ginin i present na definision anai i petsona ni NMD yanggin 1) suididánu pat nasionát Istáds Unidos yan 2) putlumenus bentisingku (25%) put sientu haga' Northern Marianas Chamorro pat Refaluwasch pat dumanña' guihí pat 3) i ma'adapta na patgun ni petsona ni Northern Marianas descent yanggin ma'adapta mientras gaigi gi papa' disí otchu (18) ánus na idát.

- (1) Taya' tinilaika gi dinimanda gi US citizenship pat national status ni maproponi.
- (2) I blood quantum na definision u matulaika ginin ¼ blood quantum asta para i "some degree." Lao, i constitutional amendment ha dimanda i petsona ni minus di bentisingku (25%) put sientu na mineggaí haga' Chamorro/Refaluwasch ni para u file yan u prueba iyon-na claim of status yan i CNMI Superior Court.
- (3) I manma'adapta na famgu'un ti para u fanma'ingklusu kumu NMD solu man NMD maninan-ñiha gi anai manmafañagu.

I maproponi na amendasion lokkuí' ha espisifika i evidentiary burden gi court proceedings (preponderance of the evidence) yan i standard of review gi inapela.(de novo).

I hinangai i maproponi na initiative para u kunfotma i Constitutional na definision gi NMD para upiñon i 18th Legislature gi háfa siha makunsidera kumu NMD. Taya' más sinangan gi hinanagi pupbliku pat sinedda' siha gi supottasion i maproponi ni mana' fanhálu.

FINABOT SIHA

I tinilaika gi para "some degree" na haga' Northern Marianas Chamorro pat Refaluwasch pat dumanña' guihí na ha áomenta i pool na petsona siha ni makunsidera NMD. Kumu i NMDs ma'asagua petsona siha ni ginin hiyung i pool NMDs, kada sigienti na hinerasion ni dididí' menus na istáo haga'. Esti na tinilaika para u sedi i sigienti na hinerasion ni para u dimanda estáo NMD, tátkumu siha ma'atetuvi tátti i manáinan-ñiha gi más di menus u petsona ni istáon NMD Esti na tinilaika kunsisti yan i mudelu yan prinaktikan umasagua yan familia ni esta mapraktika gi halum CNMI yan siempre inayuda kinunseba i dueñun tánu' gi halum i familia siha. Kinunsisti yan i "cultural" viewpoint i NMD.

I tinilaika para ti i sãonão i manma'adapta na famagu'un siha ginin i klasifikasion i NMD ni para u minus i mineggaí petsona siha ni manmakunsidera na NMD. Kunsisti yan i "racial" viewpoint i NMD.

KINENTRA SIHA

I tinilaika para i "some degree" na mineggaí binattin hága' gi value of bloodlines. Putlus uttimu, guaha ni minus ki puntu unu (.1%) put sientu Chamorro pat Refaluwasch ancestry siempre kualifikáo kumu NMD. Esti na definision i amplifikation i NMD ti kunsisti yan i "racial" viewpoint i NMD.

I tinilaika para u mana'suha i manma'adapta na famagu'un siha ginin istáon NMD ni kume'ilekña na i NMDs ti para u mana' pása ni full ownership gi tanu'-ñiha gi todú famagu'un-ñiha yanggin guaha maseha háyi na famagu'un-ñiha ni manma'adapta ni manáinan i non-NMD siha. Esti para u aplika maskiseha i patgun ma'adapta ni ginin Micronesia pat i US pat ginin manu na foreign country guí mági.

Esti para u kriádu difrentis na klasifikasion gi entalu' i famagu'un siha ni siempre mamparehu. Kume'ilekña na i manma'adapta na famagu'un siha ni NMD's ti siha para u kabális na integrated gi kutturán NMD kumu ti manmapetmiti para u fampattisipáo gi dueñun tánu'. Maskiseha ma'adapta i patgun gi mafañagu-na yan mapoksaí gi intieru lina'la' gi halum i kutturán NMD, ha u'usa i lingguáhi yan miembrun familiar NMD, ti u NMD ha'. Esti na trátemientu i famagu'un ni manma'adapta ti kunsisti na Chamorro pat Refaluwasch na cultural norms, yan ti kunsisti yan community standards para family integrity yan más maólik na intires famagu'un siha. Ti kunsisti yan i "cultural" viewpoint i NMD.

I dinimanda ni NMDs ni claim status sigun gi menus di bentisingku (25%) put sientu blood quantum ha chuli' detiminasion kotti ni u siha oneros gi judicial branch, asi kumu i NMD claimants.

I amendasion kumu matugi' ni ti minidi esti na dinimanda para káosa siha anai i istáon NMD makuntesta, láo ha dimanda todú sichuasion siha anai i blood quantum ni minus di bentisingku (25%) put sientu. Gi kada sigienti na hinerasion, siempre para u más yan más táotáo ni para u kualifikáo yan u madimanda para u file tát na dinimanda siha.

Lokkuí', taya' minididan tiempu ni para i ma'ispisifika para i claim. Esti ha kriádu i unsettled legal question maskiseha tát na istáo ni siha mana'suha ginin i statute of limitations yanggin i madimanda ti mapo'lu gi halum i ma'ispisifika na tiempu. Esti siha ha risutta gi guaguan na litigation. I dinimanda para u mapo'lu i madimanda gi halum i Kotti para u prueba i istáon NMD ni ti kunsisti yan i basic definition kumu siha masusedi ginin i tinilaika ni maseha háyi na petsona ni guaha degree na NMD ancestry nai sumisiña NMD.

HINICHUM

Taya' sinangan public purpose ni para u assess i maproponi na tinilaika siha. I maproponi na tinilaika siha kási man-internally inconsistent, yan unu na prubensin ("some degree") ni ma-based gi cultural conception i NMD yan unu na prubensin (no adoptees) ni ma-based gi racial classification i NMD.

I maproponi na amendasion u siha ma'áomenta i mineggaí táotáo ni mangkualifikáo kumu man NMD ni u sinedi atyu siha i "some degree" i manámku' ni para u fangkualifikáo; láo siempre; láo siempre i siguru na i maribáha i numirun táotáo ni i fangkualifikáo para u fan NMD ni u fanmana'suha i manma'adapta na famagu'un. Siempre ha dimanda todú NMDs ni man menus di bentisingku (25%) put sientu na mineggaí haga' Chamorro/Refaluwasch ni para u mapaga i dinimanda gi halum i CNMI Superior Court para u maprueba i istáo-ñiha. Ti arekláo káo i statute of limitation siha ma'aplika ni para u mapuni i dinimanda siha gi atyu i minus ki bentisingku (25%) put sientu na mineggaí haga' pat i manmamaila' na hinerasion siha.

HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE 18-1 (Carolinian)

Mwóghutúghút yel e pommoli euw Constitutional Amendment bwe e bwe liwelli ghoghool Northern Marianas Descent (NMD) iye re yáyá rel Article XII, me igha e pileey yáyá Longterm Interests rel talúw sáangiir aramasal NMD. E bwe liwelli sáangi fassúl ghoghool igha aramasal NMD, ngáre schóóbwtu/mwáal re, 1) Aramasal ngáre Schóól téé kka sáangi United States, me re 2) yoor físchal ¼ tchaal sáangiir, Northern Marianas Remaraalis, ngáre Northern Marianas Refaluwasch, me ngáre igha re afaghúr me leviir, nge 3) re mweimweey eschaay áat sáangiir Northern Marianas Descent, me ngáre igha re mweittiy nge esáál seigh me walúuw rághil.

- (1) Esáál yoor pommol liwell ngáli mwóghutúghútul rel US citizenship ngáre National Status.
- (2) Ghoghool rel blood quantum nge e bwe liwell sáangi ¼ quantum blood ngáli "some degree". Bwal aweewel, sáangi Constitutional Amendment e atiwiligh bwe aramas ye yoor afaghúrl eghus sáangi 25% tchaal Remaraalis/Refaluwasch re bwe atoffoolong kkapasal, me re bwe abwáári bwe e ffat kkapaseer, lol CNMI Immwal Aweewe.
- (3) Layúmweimweey reer olighát nge re ssóbw aschuulong bwe NMD, re bwe NMD ngáre igha ubwtuwal sáangi ippigh lílee me Saameer.

Pommol Liwell, e bwal appasátiw bwe e bwe re bwe abwáári, bwe e ffat kkapasal igha re bwe aweewey bwe re bwe alúghutúghúuwl lol Immwal Aweewe, (Alúghutúghútul rel kkapasal) me pommol mwóghutúghútul rel aweewe. (bweletáál) Mángemángil rel pommol Initiative yel nge e bwe attabweey ghoghool Constitutional reer NMD ngáli mángemángil 18th Legislature, rel meeta ye re rághiiy bwe NMD. Re se palúweli kkapasal aweewe rel mwóghutúghútul toulap, me ngáre eyoor mille re schuungi igha e bwe e tepángi pommol.

ABWUNG

Rel liwell ngáli "some degree" Northern Marianas Refaluwasch ngáre Remaraalis, me ngáre igha re afaghúr me leviir, e bwe llang lapalól rel fitischáy aramas kka si bwe rághiiy bwe NMD. Ngáre NMDs e schóoliimw sefáng me rel aramasal NMDs, eyoor ipital kkapasal leviir táttáilil layúr igha e bwal yoor afaghúrl. Liwell yel nge e bwe mmwel rel ngálee táttáilil aramasal bwe re bwe amwuschú yaar NMD status, me ngáre igha e bwe mmwel re bwe abwááritá schepl afaghúrl bwe aramasal NMD. Liwell yel nge e bwe weewe lo schagh mwóghutúghútul me fífféerúl rel mal schóthólimw me familiya igha a ghi yoor lol CNMI nge e bwe mmwel e bwe amwuschú bwughosal familiya. E ffil mwóghutúghútul rel aweewel "kko" rel NMD.

Rel liwell igha re bwe milaál mweimweey reer olighát me rel mwóghutúghútul NMD nge e bwe ghítighititiw lapalól rel fitischáy aramas igha re bwe rághiiy bwe NMD. E ffil mwóghutúghútul rel aweewel "racial" rel NMD."

TIPERÁARÁ

Rel liwell ngáli "some degree" rel lapa tcha nge e bwe ghítighititiw lomwotal afaghúr lol familiya. A toori bwe e bwe le mmwel bwe aramas ye eyoor sáangi eghus .1% afaghúrl Remaraalis ngáre Refaluwasch nge re bwe rághiiy bwe NMD. Kkapasal sáangi ghoghool NMD igha re selatí nge ese ffil mwóghutúghútul rel aweewel "racial" rel NMD.

Rel liwell igha re bwe milaál mweimweey olighát sáangi NMD status e apasa bwe ese mmwel bwe NMDs re bwe ngálee olighát kkaal falúw ngáre re mweimweey sáangiir ill me saam kka ese bwal yoor afaghúrl. E bwal aweewe rel olighát kka re mweimweey sáangiir aramasal Micronesia me ngáre U.S., me ngáre foreign countries. Ila re bwe aweewe lo schagh reer olighát kkaal, ngáre re bwe bwal ffeér ngáli bwal euw mwóghutúghútul. E bwal iirátíw bwe e ssóbw mescheragh reer olighát kka re mweittir rel NMDs, bwe re bwe yáyá falúw, me re bwe aschuulong lol kkoor NMD.

E bwal weewe schagh rel olighát kka re mweiti me le maleghóólul, nge e fífoól ttá rel kkoor NMD, e mwáliili mwáliyeer NMD, e lollo rel familiya, nge re ssóbw bwal rághiiy schagh bwe NMD. Ese ffil mwóghutúghútul ye re ffeér sáangi pommol kkoor Refaluwasch me Remaraalis, me ese ffil rel mwóghutúghútul rel sóóbw rel abwungubwungul familiya rel ammwel olighát. Ese ffil mwóghutúghútul rel aweewel "kko" rel NMD.

E bwe bwal yoor tipetchów rel Immwal Aweewe igha re bwe ffeér mwóghutúghútul kkapasal NMDs kka re kke ayoorá kkapasal bwughusal sáangi aweewel rel kkapasal 25% rel quantum blood, fengál me bwal bwughuseer NMD. Sáangi liwell igha re ischitiiw kkapasal nge ese físchál mwóghutúghútul rel fífféerúl rel kkapasal NMD status igha re bwe ayoorá aweewel, nge re bwe rághiiy rel kkapasal 25% rel blood quantum. E bwe ghi kke yoorotiw táttáilil afaghúr, nge e bwe bwal mmwel re bwe ffeér bwe re bwe issiisilong kkapasal claims.

Nge, ese ischitiiw rel óttol rállil rel claim. E bwe mmwel e bwe ffeér ngáli mille ese légh bwe ayégh ngáre bwughos kkey e bwal pileey statute of limitations ngáre ese issiisilong lol óttol igha e tittingóór. E pwal ghi tchów óbwóosul rel aammweilól rel igha re bwe aweewe. Rel mille mwóghutúghútul igha re bwe issiisilong kkapasal lol Immwal Aweewe igha re bwe aalleetaló NMD status nge esseóbw weewe me bwal ghoghool igha e bwe légh lol kkapasal rel liwell iye e iira bwe ngáre aramas kka re afaghúr some degree rel NMD ancestry nge e re NMD.

MWÚTCHUL

Esóor kkapasal mwóghutúghútul toulap, igha re bwe amweeri pommol liwell ye. Pommol liwell nge e ffat bwe ese aweewe, rel euw atiwiligh, ("some degree") iye e re aweewe me mángemángil kkoor NMD, me bwal euw atiwiligh (esóor mweimweey) nge e re aweewe rel racial classification reer NMD.

Pommol liwell nge e bwe ghi yoor lol lapal afitischáy ghal reer aramas ikka re bwe qualify bwe NMD igha re bwe ngálee schóó kkewe re "some degree" rel afaghúrl bwe re bwe qualify; nge e bwe ghi sóssólitiv lapal afitischáyil reer aramas kka re qualify bwe NMD ngáre re amilaál mweimweey rel olighát. Re bwe ayoorá ngáli ólongeer NMDs ikka re 25% afaghúrl Remaraalis/Refaluwasch rel tchaar, bwe re bwe issiisilong yaar claim rel CNMI Superior Court bwe re bwe alleeta yaar status. Esáál bwunguló ngáre e mmwel bwe statute of limitations re bwe ayiti ngáliir schóókka re 25% tchaar me ngáre tállil afaghúrl.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy 2nd birthday to the cutest and sweetest little boy, Byron Junior King Cruz! May you have a fantastic and blessed day. You may be little in size, but you bring loads of happiness to everyone around you. We love you so much. Greetings coming from Mommy, Daddy and your big brother Kayven.

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Happy 75th birthday Grandpa! May your day be filled with lots of love and surprises! God bless and enjoy on your special day. We love you! Love, your kids, grandkids, and great grandkids.

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A nation is dying; where is the world?

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SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

In late September, Sierra Leone embarked on a three-day national shutdown for an Ebola house-to-house sensitization, deploying thousands of government staff, NGO workers and volunteers in an attempt to identify Ebola infections and educate a frightened public about the realities of the disease. As country program manager for the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, I was a member of that Ebola Rapid Response Team.

There is no hospital or clinic that is untouched by this disease, and we are losing health care workers every day. In July, my foundation lost Dr. Sheik Humarr Khan, the country's leading Ebola specialist, to Ebola. Our ability to treat patients is crippled because he not only was providing care for HIV patients, but he was a mentor for our staff.

We also have lost a lab technician, leaving another gap in our disintegrating health care system.

Where is the world? Our doctors are dying. Our nurses are dying. Our lab technicians are dying, and help does not come. The only medical professionals getting lifesaving treatment are foreign nationals—people from America and Europe. Last month, Sierra Leone's Dr. Olivet Buck contracted Ebola and despite pleas to the World Health Organization for medevac to Germany, where a facility was waiting to admit her, she was denied the opportunity and left to die. One World Health Organization doctor contracted Ebola in Kenema in early September and the entire team was evacuated.

Our hospitals lack basic medical supplies like gloves, face masks and boots.

Doctors Without Borders and the Red Cross are on the front lines of Ebola, running the isolation units, treating the sick. The AIDS foundation has distributed \$450,000 worth of equipment and supplies, sharing with national facilities in Freetown and Kenema. NGOs are doing all we can, but NGOs don't command military infrastructure and don't have endless resources and trained personnel. NGOs cannot stop Ebola without help, and help is not coming.

Maybe it is because we are African, or my country is too small or too poor, or because we have no oil? Maybe it is because world leaders can't find Sierra Leone on a map, and this crisis has become one more in a series of African tragedies? Or because Ebola only grabs Western headlines when Americans are threatened?

President Barack Obama recently deployed \$500 million in aid and committed 3,000 troops to help contain the crisis in Liberia. His actions will make a profound difference. I just wish they had come months sooner. The British and Cubans also have provided aid and staff.

Now, the World Health Organization, the European Union and the U.N. Security Council must step up.

Last week, news of the first person diagnosed with Ebola in the United States set off a media and Internet frenzy. Meanwhile, we are dying by the thousands here in Africa.

In the past 21 days, there have been more confirmed cases of Ebola than in the entire preceding six months. Families bury their dead, risking infection because we don't have resources to help them. Our staff is afraid. Their families are afraid of them when they go home. The stigma has seen our African brothers close their borders to us, and the reality of Ebola is killing our most valuable weapon to stop it: our health care workers. They are dying, and the world is letting them.

We are on our own, and we are running out of time.

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HBO US IS IL BHO

No, I had not started watching HBO. It is not really available in mainstream China TV yet but it promises to go streaming next year. To date, it has been a subscription program within the 50 States of the Union, and its international exposure has been primarily on those networks that rebroadcast its programs.

But an international HBO promises to be online next year, and with all networks jumping into the bandwagon of Internet broadcast, we may yet get the benefit of one of our age's remarkable inventions, a continuing domain for innovation and creativity.

US is either "us" or the United States in our usage, often left as a double-entendre since I am a U.S. citizen, and I also include myself in the arenas and fields I comment about, my exact meaning often left to the reader to decide, as it is in this case. It applies either way.

IS capitalized is not a sudden adaptation of the existentialist approach to life, the *is-ness* as the all important perspective vs. the idealism of a previous era that focused on *ought-ness*; in the title, it is used as the designation of the Islamic State, the ragtag force that defies Anglo-American air power in taking over a third of Iraq and the northern part of Syria, conveniently condemned by the media as barbaric. Aligned with the al-Qaida, they are united in their opposition to Anglo-American presence in North Africa and the Near East, especially as it relates to the exploitation of oil resource and the support of a few "royals." Though focused in fealty to sharia law, structurally they remain just nodding acquaintances to each other!

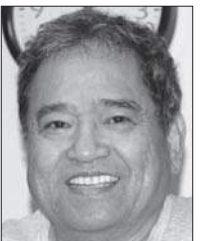
IL usually goes with IS to form ISIL, the Islamic State in the "Levant," an archaic word that referred to the eastern part of the Mediterranean but also colloquially used in French as where one go to and hide if one runs afoul with the law. In my ancient studies, it is the triangular area shaped like a boomerang from the mouth of Mesopotamia's Tigris and Euphrates Rivers (Iraq), to Anatolia (across the Bosphorus and Dardanelles from Thrace, the boundary between Europe and Asia), and Lebanon down to Palestine including Syria and Jordan.

In its current use in U.S. military strategy, IS represents Iraq's Sunni base of the late Saddam Hussein who suddenly emerged with power after taking over U.S. materials that Cheney's boys left behind when BHO had them withdrawn, and the balance of power in Baghdad between Kurds, Sunnis and Shiites became a free-for-all.

IS IL easily reads as "is ill" and here lies our double entendre of the day. The "US is ill" perhaps means the Pentagon is clear that it wants to blow the bejesus out of the non-Baghdad and non-Kurd forces, eradicate their support from oil refineries, and send the cavalry into the fray to save Kobani and the *hijab*-draped damsel in distress into perpetual gratitude. Not.

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That's where Mr. BHO has been more presidential than ever. He refuses to commit ground troops into the theater; maybe he understands the depth of animosity that the IS has of what the United States represents, regardless of what short-term gain or loss he might gain in any excursion. Contrary to what neocons are calling the "slow response from the WH" or the ambivalence of the current occupant, we have got the Pentagon portraying BHO's fight with ISIL as going to take at least a year to accomplish. Uncle Sam needs practice targets!

One wonders what the military strategists' justification is to continue presence in areas where we used to dominate. Oil? The Koch brothers? For sure, it keeps the bombs raining down, and it lubricates and tests the jets we sold to the alliance in the region, which means a continuing market for our products. It also provides flying time for their flyers we trained instead of buzzing camels in the desert. Business good, allegiances secured.

These would all be hunky-dory save for a tiny virus that crossed the genetic border and surprised all those who rely on health structures of the planet. Listening to the WHO officials, you'd think global health structures are collapsing. We just got us a wily virus!

Now, would it not be a wonder if we ignore swatting the buzzing ISIL fly threatening global stability (OZ PM Tony Abbott loves repeating), let Assad handle his own yard, and Baghdad, continue to keep its artificial unity on band aid until the Kurds, Sunnis, and Shiites stake out their own territories? Let the real division be kept just the way it really is! And let them keep their oil, for heaven's sake!

BHO has a job to do. First, get Americans understand that Uncle Sam in uniform is no longer a desired presence in many parts of the world; second, BHO convinces Americans to share the best the nation can offer, *if asked for*, by anyone in the world; and third, BHO can shift from competition to cooperation, conflict to collaboration, exceptionalism to ordinary human partnership.

Might cost him his life doing it against the current grain but what the hell? It'd be an HBO program to die for, won't it?

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Checking in with Europe

The first word is seldom the last word. Some things, however, are worth noticing at first mention, no matter how they turn out. With that in mind we're going to venture far from my beach chair and take a look at a couple of scientific stories out of Europe. Since you're joining the trip, please bring a large order of French fries so we can demonstrate our appreciation of international cuisine.

I'll play the old bore today and introduce the first story discursively. So, like any bore, I'll start at the beginning instead of at the end: The first story I want to mention reminds me of a time in high school when driver's education met biology. An alumnus had been wheelchair-bound after a car accident. He gave a presentation each semester about it: He had taken a turn too fast in a convertible, didn't have a seat belt on, and got ejected from the car. The lecture persuaded us to become safety-conscious drivers. After the driver's education presentation somebody in biology class asked our teacher why doctors couldn't undo the damage that confined this guy to a wheelchair.

The teacher answered that nerves, or at least the ones that mattered here, once severed, can't be mended. It seemed like an obvious priority for scientific research, but high school biology students aren't consulted about such things.

As the decades went by, though society was ever-more marinated in self-reverential gloating about the triumphs of "modern technology," I'd sometimes wonder if this problem had any hope of a solution.

Well, maybe it does. An Oct. 21 BBC headline says that a paralyzed man "walks again after a cell transplant."

The patient had been paralyzed from a knife attack in 2010.

"The treatment," says the story, "a world first, was carried out by

surgeons in Poland in collaboration with scientists in London." The treatment involved harvesting cells from inside the patient's nose and grafting them into the damaged portion of his spine.

The BBC quoted one of the London scientists, Professor Geoff Raisman, describing the accomplishment as "more impressive than man walking on the moon."

I'd say it's off-the-scale impressive if this leads to a practical and common treatment. But we're just dealing with the first words here, so we'll just wait and see how it works out.

As I move on to the next story from Europe, I'll note that it's a little bit nerdy. It's also very exotic. And here's something else it is: completely over my head. So you're just getting my man-on-the-beach notions of what I think is going on.

About a week ago, it was reported that "dark matter," that utterly mysterious substance that comprises most of the mass of the universe, and which also comprises one of the greatest capers in science, may have left some identifiable footprints and, hence, a trail of evidence that might finally lead somewhere.

The possible footprints came via x-ray emissions that were recorded by a European Space Agency satellite. In the U.K., some University of Leicester scientists reviewed that data. They think the sun is emitting little particles called "axions," which bounce off the Earth's magnetic field like billiard balls and throw off x-rays in the process. As it turns out, the big notion here is that axions have been on the list of suspects for dark matter, and this news apparently puts some circumstantial evidence behind the idea.

This story was covered by an article on the (U.K.) *Guardian's* website on Oct. 16 ("Dark matter may have been detected—stream-

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ing from the sun's core").

Of course, this is yet another case where the first words aren't the last words. It may be years, if not decades, before this particular trail hits pay dirt or goes cold.

Nobody is wishy-washy about dark matter. Some people don't care at all. OK, most people don't care at all, and I doubt it's the biggest topic of conversation on Saipan. Fair enough. By contrast, some other people are utterly transfixed by the fact that fully 96 percent of the universe is said to be made up of totally unknown types of matter and energy.

Anyway, those are two big stories that just caught the attention of the entire world. I hope these advances on the medical front and the physics front are gateways to greater things. They seem to hold that promise, which is why they are so exciting.

Thus concludes our little jaunt from the west Pacific to the east Atlantic. I'm out of space. You're out of fries. So this is where we say "goodbye."

From hope to nope!

Took a random survey how simple village folks feel about their livelihood today versus 10 years ago or recent past. Stunning the powerful disfavor they harbor against incumbents. It's hard shaking off the reality of daily hardship among households resulting from leadership's obvious negligence.

It's all about "My Pay Day!"—where 80 percent is gone well in advance.

Most people I've talked to say it's the heavy loss in their buying power—the result of a disastrous economy—that consumes their thoughts daily. "It's our family income that has gone Deep South."

Definitely, family finances have gotten worse so how can incumbents as "do-nothings" explain something to the contrary? To say people are tired and exhausted of the daily grind in abject poverty is a vicious understatement. Political punditry aside, listen to their voices. Undeniably, you will hear "we the people" speaking loudly and clearly too!

This is what I'm referring to in the term "percipiency"—the ability to see emerging issues of magnitude in advance that warrant immediate ocular review and plan of action before the procession leaves the parade ground.

In our case, the parade has left years ago, but we keep hanging around hoping it returns for a re-run. Nah! If it's gone, it's gone! Is there such a thing as a perceptual parade? Do you see why we need real competency (academic and professional experience) upstairs?

As we yawn with suspect hope for a better break of dawn, investments have come in by trickles, incapable of returning the healthy sum we had in the local coffers like the boom years of the mid-'80s. That has shifted to the "Doom Years of the '90s"! Imagine the nose-dive from \$256 million per year to \$135 million. No wonder the persistent fiscal crisis!

Cost of everything has gone up. Salaries remain the same (stagnant) for 20 years. No wonder Buddy Magoo retorted, "It has spread like irreversible Stage 4 cancer from Hope to Nope!"

Do you miss reading books?

With social and the main media fracturing precious time and attention span, there's hardly any room to sit down quietly for at least an hour to read my favorite books.

Through the years while traveling, I'd visit large bookstores, including the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. I'd buy books and bring them home. Never had the time to go through the pages until about four years ago when I settled into full retirement.

Together with the Holy Bible, it's in the printed ink that I immerse myself, doing slow reading in order to digest and understand the written word. The five books upon which the Bible was written are deeply interesting in the sense that each review granted me a better perspective of events before and during the time of Christ. I've read gospels written by St. John, St. Luke, St. Matthew and St. Paul.

The depth of understanding and clarity of what's written by the world's best editors is a priceless compilation. Imagine the depth of the material demonstrating exhaustive research, brilliantly and su-

perbly written, the use of various languages to pin contextual clarity of, e.g., a certain Hebrew word used by Christ or St. Luke. There's a lot to learn including the Lord's mandate to Moses to pull out the Israelites from Egypt to end their being treated as slaves. Interesting the admonition that came along with it, like don't treat slaves like perennial slaves for you were once a slave! Did you know that the concept of a homestead started since the days of God the Father?

It's a good habit (slow reading) in order to see the views of great authors' on concepts and issues like logic, including the semantics and syntactical aspect of it, and the laws entrusted Moses by God the Father. I'd sashay into selected novels if only to return to descriptive verbs after dealing with bureaucratic lingo most of my government career. The latter ruins your English unless you're a military type who thrives in pseudonyms.

It's good to return to reading once more. It's intellectually challenging, an immersive experience, in addition to the benefits of warding off dementia from hitting us early in our golden years. Moreover, it's good habit staying ahead on issues of substance that is a scarcity on these isles.

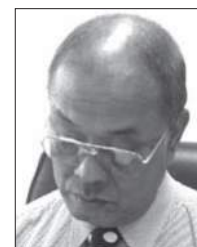
Planned use of Pagan

There have been spouts for a resettlement of the island of Pagan. Not sure what the plan entails or if one factually exists. Specifically, is it the product of the Department of Public Lands, which solely responsible for "management, use and disposition" of public land? If it is privately prepared, has it been sanctioned by the NMI government?

Firstly, such a plan must seriously weigh whether Pagan is safe for resettlement. It must include the sentiments of the indigenous

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people, not just the "we few" self-appointed or anointed unsanctioned representatives.

I know that there are three volcanoes on the southern side of the island. A volcanologist said no one could predict when it would erupt but there's a definite chance it would split the island in two if it goes off. Dangerous!

If you have any doubts about the force of nature, try flying over Anatahan. More than three-fourths of the island was blown out into the water. About a third is left on the western side. The balance is one humongous hole over a thousand feet deep. The 1984 eruption of Mt. Pagan is sufficient a lesson to draw from.

Personally, leave the island alone. It isn't safe for either purpose—military or resettlement—the latter requiring lots of money of upwards of \$200 million. What's the source of funding then when we can't even pay the \$23 million owed CUC or defray the cost of operations of CHC of some \$38 million. Let's wait out the storm or eruption of Pagan if only to secure an all clear declaration. By then we could have funds to begin resettling the island.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Do the right thing with master concession

We, the people of the CNMI, need to thank DFS. We need to appreciate DFS. We need to commend DFS. They have been an outstanding community member and local employer on Saipan. They have trained and recruited countless fresh high school graduates and groomed them into becoming seasoned retail managers. DFS has, in short, been the best community member and partner that the Marianas could have ever hoped for.

But while we need to thank, appreciate, and commend DFS, we cannot let our gratitude interfere with our responsibility to follow proper procedure in awarding a master concession at the Saipan Airport. CPA must work for the benefit of the people, and must diligently seek to get the Commonwealth's people the best deal, even if this means spurning a valued friend and community member such as DFS.

CPA must be impartial, and maximize the Commonwealth's earnings in these difficult economic times. Being a government official sometimes means making tough decisions and turning away a good

friend. In fact, it's a difficult decision that many government officials have to make daily on our small islands: you often deal in an official capacity with a good friend, a close relative, or the uncle who always gave you ice candy when you were little, and now you have to stop yourself from giving them favorable treatment in your job as a government officer. It's not easy. But it's the right thing to do, for the Commonwealth, for the rule of law, and for your fellow citizens.

Let's thank DFS for all they've done for us. I support an official government resolution, or perhaps even a day of commemoration, to recognize DFS' contributions to the CNMI's economy. But while we recognize DFS, let's do things the right way for the airport concession. Let's implore CPA to follow the rules, and seek the best deal for the Commonwealth, even if that means putting the concession up for bid.


Diego C. Blanco

As Lito Village, Saipan

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY




Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds around 10 mph.

▲88°

▼77°

SATURDAY




Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds around 10 mph.

▲88°

▼77°

SUNDAY




Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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MONDAY




Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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TUESDAY

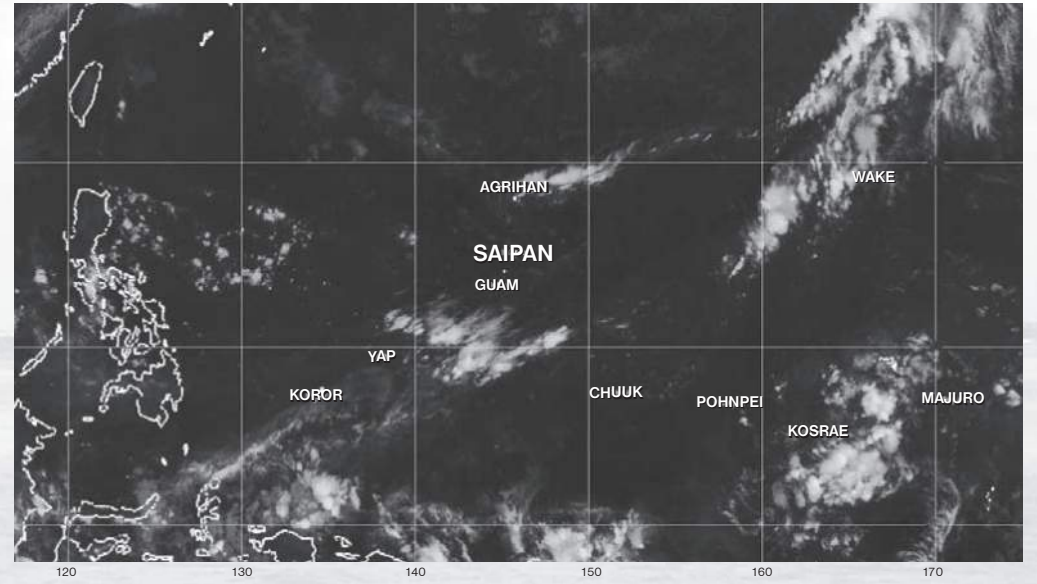


Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image



Picture Time: 1:00PM, Wednesday, October 22, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front heads southwestward from northeast of Wake Island at 25N175E to near Wake Island at 20N167E then continues as a shear line to end just east of the far northern CNMI at 20N148E. Cloudiness and scattered showers are seen along and up to 150 miles northwest of this boundary east of 162E. Converging southwest winds are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms along and up to 250 miles southeast of this boundary. A monsoon trough heads northeastward from 7N130E through weak circulations centered south of Yap at 7N138E and east of Guam at 13N146E then heads southeastward through another weak circulation centered southwest of Kosrae at 4N160E to end at EQ166E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the Yap circulation are occurring south of Yap and just south of Koror between the equator and 7N from 130E to 141E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the Kosrae circulation are found over Chuuk and Pohnpei but just northwest of Kosrae within 250 miles of a line from 2N158E to 6N155E to 9N161E. A trade-wind disturbance is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over the Marshall Islands within 250 miles of a line from 4N169E to 6N176E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Sunny	▲63	▼49
Beijing	Sunny	▲77	▼48
Hong Kong	Showers	▲80	▼74
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼75
London	Showers	▲63	▼46
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼63
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼50
Miami	Showers	▲81	▼72
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼49
Osaka	Sunny	▲76	▼57
Paris	Showers	▲62	▼49
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼58
Rome	Sunny	▲70	▼51
Salem	Rain	▲60	▼49
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼58
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼49
Tokyo	Sunny	▲72	▼57
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲67	▼49

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
2:45 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
9:06 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
2:59 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
8:25 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:11 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	6:11 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	6:11 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	6:11 AM	6:50 PM
Tuesday	6:12 AM	6:50 PM


Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:11 PM	6:09 AM
Saturday	7:04 PM	6:55 AM
Sunday	7:58 PM	7:44 AM
Monday	8:53 PM	8:37 AM
Tuesday	9:49 PM	9:32 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 9, 2014											
DEPARTURES						ARRIVALS					
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)						GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN					
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily			UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily		
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3			UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3		
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7			UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7		
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota			UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7		
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5			UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota		
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4			UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5		
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5			UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5		
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7			UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7		
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5			UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5		
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)						GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)					
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7			UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4		
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)						ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN					
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7			UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4		
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)						PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:05am	11:30pm	2, 6 via NRT			DL298	4:30am	3:05pm	3, 7 via NRT		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	Daily			DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily		
DL297	4:20pm	7:20pm	Daily			DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily		
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN					
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1			7C 3402	8:00am	1:25pm	5, 7		
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily		
7C 3401	2:20pm	6:30pm	5, 7			7C 3402	9:30am	2:55pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 6		
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily			OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7		
7C 3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 6			OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN					
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7			3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7		
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)						BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN					
MU764A	4:00am	8:00am	4, 7			MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6		
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5			MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7		
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN					
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6			3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5		
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN					
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN			OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN		
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN			PR110/UA5041	7:35am	6:35pm	1,5 via GUM		
UA5069/PR111	2:45am	4:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM			PR110/UA5077	7:35am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM		
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM			PR110/UA5043	7:35am	10:20pm	1, 5 via GUM		
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM			DL172/288	7:55am	1:30am+1	Daily via NRT		
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM			UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM		
DL287/473	6:05am	10:20pm	Daily via NRT			OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
UA5071/PR111	6:40am	4:50pm	3 via GUM			UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM		
UA5071/PR111	7:15am	4:50pm	1, 5, 6, 7 via GUM			UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM		
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM			UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6, 7 via GUM		
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM			UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4 via GUM-Rota		
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7via GUM			UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1 via GUM		
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM			UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1	1 via GUM		
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM			UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM		
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM			UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	1 via GUM		
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM			UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM		
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM			UA184/5038	11:30pm	2:50pm+1	2 via GUM-Rota		
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	2, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			UA184/5077	11:30pm	2:50pm+1	5 via GUM		
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)						HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN					
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN			OZ746/603	12:40am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN		
OZ606/723	2:20am	12:50pm	1 via ICN			OZ750/603	1:40am	2:20pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN		
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
OZ606/723	2:50am	12:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 6 via ICN		
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM			OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM			OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM			UA180/5071	9:55pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM		
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM			UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6 via GUM		
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM			UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM		
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN								

A perspective in a US Commonwealth democracy

By **JUAN N. BABAUTA** and **JUAN S. TORRES**
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Last part of a series

Collaborative leadership: A breath of fresh air for a change! Juan S. Torres and I pledge to change the outmoded ways of the government and open public services to 21st century advances that will bring fresh air to the slippery slope our local governance struggles with daily. We will bring the kind of governance that is collaborative and focused on performance and results and customer-focused and customer-friendly in the delivery of broad community benefits to all, and not enriching only a select few!

Juan S. Torres and I will realize our vision *not* by asking people to make a change, but for us to lead change in government to serve all people: that is, to bring a world order in a new government that does not make *unilateral and backdoor* decisions that ultimately threatens the rights of individuals in our democracy. Rather, we will establish a government that openly builds informed consensus and engages in informed collaborative leadership with all stakeholders, one that is intended to benefit all and not to enrich only a handful is our principle of governance for success in the modern century—the principle Juan S. Torres and I will operate by.

Juan S. Torres and I believe in collaborative leadership that builds on consensus and open process. We retain the necessary and sufficient college education, senior executive experiences, and human resources relationships to make things happen. Our direct experiences and established relationships, particularly with our local government and our federal partners, in addition to our collective experiences in the private sector, are *key* in making things happen once in office. After all, Juan S. Torres and I have no reason to waste time on on-the-job training activities!

Collectively, our combined background provides ready access to and the know-how for navigating and successfully dealing with local financial institutions, local banks, and the Retirement Fund: Juan S. Torres, as an accountant by trade; staff accountant, Office of Economic Opportunity (U.S. Federal Agency); 902 Negotiation Team; Tax Task

Force; general manager/vice president, Bank of Saipan; Commonwealth Savings & Loan asst. manager, Bank of America, Saipan branch; a former administrator, NMI Retirement Fund; Member, CNMI House of Representatives; Senator, CNMI Senate; director, Division of Land Registration & Survey (DLNR); and chairman, Marianas Public Land Trust, board of trustees, and a fulltime farmer, among others. Moreover, throughout his successful professional assignments, Juan S. Torres was privy to numerous and important professional executive trainings at University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business; University of Pittsburgh, Katz School of Business; Stanford University, School of Law; and the International Institute of Research and Asset Allocation Studies.

As far as my background goes, I, Juan N. Babauta, am a former governor; a college instructor; a health administrator; a Washington representative; a publisher; a member of the 902 talks; a member and chairman of the PSS Board of Education and a member and chairman of the NMC Board of Regents. Like Juan S. Torres, I too have college background with master's degree in health planning and health services administration as well as in political science and American history.

In our roles and capacities as governor and lieutenant governor respectively, we both view ourselves in supportive and facilitative relationship, and fittingly so within our respective professional background; technical skill set; and senior decision-maker experience, occupational portfolio and leadership style.

Together, our combined and cumulative experiences and established relationships in government (CNMI and federal level) and the business sector make our team uniquely results-oriented, Action-Team (A-Team), a unique team with complementing private and public sector experience ready to fulfill the mission at hand while serving our citizenry. Babauta-Torres is the CNMI's real action leadership choice for the Offices of Governor and Lt. Governor.

On the skill sets necessary to accomplish the job in one term in office, we gladly bring to the leadership invaluable and multifaceted resources. For example, our combined education and job experiences

in government and the private sector are by far unsurpassed and unique in comparison in regards to our college education; our senior executive experiences; and our passion for people first and our commitment for action and results. Our commitment to taking immediate action to alleviate our people's suffering is inevitably manifested in our pledge to complete the mission knowing it won't be "a walk in the park," for this will require a tremendous amount of hard work, determination, sweat and resourcefulness. Nonethe-

less, fully aware that with your cooperation and collaboration, we will climb mountains together! We are counting on our collective partnerships—starting on Day 1, after taking the oath of office.

Indeed, our collective experience in government and the local business community has given us invaluable insights and profound knowledge base. These background sets are essential to understanding the Commonwealth's multi-faceted problems. The knowledge gained from our cumulative professional and political ex-

periences are pivotal in formulating achievable action plans and workable solutions geared to improving the quality of life for all in this great Commonwealth, *without the need to first undergo basic on-the-job-training.*

Change is indeed what we bring, and change is who we are—ready, willing and able to be in service of ALL people, by being fiscally responsible, turning our economy around, getting our residents back to work and setting the foundation for a stronger future, prosperity and success for ALL.



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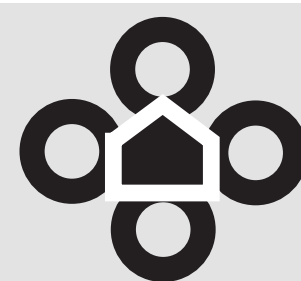
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Where is the world?

Miata Jambawai is the coun-

try program manager for AIDS Healthcare Foundation in Sierra Leone. She condensed this article, first published stateside in the San Jose Mercury News, from a version published in Africa.

16:00~ Charity Bazaar
17:00~ Food Booth Open
Stage Show
Game Booth Open
Fun, Food & Game For Children of all ages!
Autumn Festival
2014 10/25 SAT
日本人会 秋祭り
Paseo De Marianas Street
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Japanese Society of Northern Marianas

CCA to host 'Pinktober' tonight

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

The Commonwealth Cancer Association will be hosting its annual "Pinktober" event tonight from 6pm to 10pm at the Hard Rock Cafe in Garapan.

The event, a part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, costs \$15 per ticket, which includes one drink.

According to CCA program manager Juan L. Babauta, the fundraiser will feature local artists and bands. A candlelight vigil will also take place tonight in commemoration of those who have lost their lives to breast cancer.

This is Hard Rock International's 15th year to support cancer research through hosting the event with the

Commonwealth Cancer Association and assisting the organization in procuring funds to fight the disease.

The non-profit organization has fervently advocated for cancer research in the CNMI and proves every year that the fight for a cure is far from over.

Babauta said the group's

sociation provides clients up to \$500 per year for qualifying expenses such as nutritional supplements, diapers, bed pads, prosthetic devices, and wound care supplies.

They have also participated in community events such as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

The group expanded its efforts in cancer education by conducting presentations in schools and community events to groups of all ages.

The Commonwealth Cancer Association can be contacted at (670) 682-0050 or ccamarianas@gmail.com.



Social Security: 1.7 pct. benefit increase for 2015

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits for nearly 64 million Americans will increase 1.7 percent in 2015, the Social Security Administration said yesterday.

The 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment will begin with benefits that more than 58 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2015. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will

begin on Dec. 31, 2014. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Some other changes that take effect in January each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$118,500 from

\$117,000. Of the estimated 168 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2015, about 10 million will pay higher taxes because of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2015 is available at www.Medicare.gov.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola. (SSA)

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Fiesta SE	EM225301	Gray	\$2,500.00	Rogue S	EC754914	Silver	\$3,000.00	Civic LX	EE046655	Maroon	\$2,500.00
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1-A	San Antonio	Hopwood Junior High School
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1-C	Koberville	Koblerville Youth Center
2	Chalan Kanoa/Susupe	Joeten/Kiyu Public Library
3-A	Oleai	Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium
3-B	Garapan	Garapan Elementary School (Northern Entrance)
4-A	Tanapag	Tanapag Elementary School
4-B	San Roque	Gregorio T. Camacho (GTC) Elementary School
4-C	Capitol Hill	Jesus P. Mafnas Legislative Building
4-D	Northern Islands	Northern Islands (Alamagan, Pagan, Agrigan, etc...)
5	Kagman	Kagman Elementary School
6	Tinian	Tinian Elementary School
7	Rota	Northern Marianas College-Rota Campus

Early Voting Polling Stations

October 28-November 3, 2014
(Saipan, Tinian & Rota only)
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saipan
 Tinian
 Rota

Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Building
 Tinian Department of Public Safety Building
 Rota Department of Public Safety Building

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Northern Islands (Alamagan, Pagan, Agrigan, etc...)
(September 20-November 3, 2014 Northern Islands Only)

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The Inos/Torres team believes deeply that the most effective way to represent all the people is through collaboration.

We are proud of accomplishments we have achieved through our partnership with the CNMI Legislature, our Washington Delegate, and the Federal Government.

Governor Inos and Senator Torres know they cannot take all the credit for the economic growth our Commonwealth is experiencing – every resident of our Commonwealth deserves credit.

We know much more must be done and are working hard to identify solutions that will not only help make our health care system better, will strive to reduce the cost of utilities, provide the necessary resources our education system deserves, and help all of our citizens secure gainful employment.

There is no question our islands will face many more challenges in the months and years ahead particularly with the influx of new investments. The INOS/TORRES team is committed to working with the people, the CNMI Legislature, our Washington Delegate, and our Federal partners to ensure that the Commonwealth benefits as much as possible from these new developments.

While others may talk about their ideas, the INOS/Torres partnership is the only one that has a proven record of accomplishment as evidenced by the list posted here.

We humbly ask for your support on November 4th

800 plus new business licenses
Kalabera cave improvement for visitors
Prevailing wage and workforce assessment funding awarded
Completion of State Broadband Initiative
Distributed US Treasury funding to help new businesses start up and existing ones expand
Village Roadways Signage Improvements/Repainting
Chalan Kanoa road improvement
Installation of traffic lights in Chalan Kanoa
Keeping military away from Pagan
Keeping divert airfield in Tinian
Creation of the CNMI Breadfruit Initiative
Deficit cut by around \$230 million
Enacted the first Integrated Resort bill for Saipan with \$7 billion investment
Restored 25% in retiree benefits
Stopped Austerity Measures
90% 24-hour water service achieved
\$11 million in highway infrastructures contracts (36 months)
\$53 million plus in CIP funds obligated
Improvements to health centers in Rota and Tinian
Renovation of buildings A and K at NMC
Acquisition of landfill equipment for Rota and Tinian
Improvements to Tinian Harbor

Secured over \$570K from the NOAA to provide funding and technical assistance for fisheries development, marketing and training
Awarded grant funding for 13 Marine Conservation Plan projects
Revived the Annual Saipan Agricultural Fair for farmers and ranchers
Secured federal grant from the Office of Insular Affairs Technical Assistance Program to establish a Land Registration and Information Management System for the CNMI.
Installation of antennas to collect geographical coordinates on a 24-hour basis.
Issued an average of over 500 assorted plants to homeowners, private businesses and government functions as part of the department's forestry program.
Secured \$200K special grant to make possible the opening of the Garapan Public Market
Ground breaking of Honest Profit Incorporated resort (\$130mil investment)
Projected \$1.267 Billion in Economic Activity in 2014
Improvements to the Gym
Access to the bird sanctuary in Rota
Installation of storm water drainage systems in Garapan
Obligated funds for Park Development at Puerto Rico Dump
Obligated funds for renovation of Tinian Airport Terminals
Obligated funds for construction of Tinian Transfer Station
\$150,000 to revitalize the Carolinian Utt Project

First Government to fully fund Retirement fund in more than 10 years
Fully Restored interests payments to defined benefit plan beneficiaries
Rehabilitated Public Safety building
Deeded Public Safety property (Far East Broadcasting) for training and preparedness
Updated CNMI's digital housing maps
Consolidated Department of Labor and Workforce Investment Agency
Consolidated Coastal Resources Management and Bureau of Environmental Quality
Consolidated Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management office
Keeping power and water running 24 hours
Increased the Customs division under Department of Finance
Exportation of live cattle to Guam
Consolidated resources between Dept. of Public Works Roads and Grounds into the Dept. of Lands and Natural Resources Parks and Rec.
Signed MOU between Office of Insular Affairs and Commonwealth for Insular ABC's Phase III Agreement providing up to \$1 million annually to PSS for next 4 years
Signed House Bill 18-101 to require annual drug testing for all Law Enforcement officers
Secured Federal funding for DPS to provide new vehicles, equipment, and uniforms for the department
Dept. of Corrections 1999 Consent Decree lifted
New CUC maintenance and repair facility

Licensing of Alter City Group Resort in Tinian (\$360mil investment)
Reorganization of CHCC management to improve services
Implementation of job trainings for US eligible workers under FELD grant
Creation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee
Creation of the Lottery Commission for the purpose of issuing gaming licenses
Increased lift capacity with new scheduled and charter airlines
Saved Retirement Fund from Bankruptcy
Secured CW Extension until 2019 with Congressman Sablan
\$4 million contract to repair AirCon at CHC
Opened Kagman Community Health Center
\$250,000 for new hospital beds
\$60 million in federal and local dollars on major development projects at ports of entry in Saipan, Tinian, and Rota
Rehabilitation of Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport
Over \$1 million in FAA funds to renovate public restrooms and upgrade water pump systems
Roof Drainage and AirCon improvements and upgrading Airport Rescue Fire Fighters Training Facility
With Delegate Sablan announced 62% increase in food stamps for Rota and Northern Islands and 28% for Tinian
Signed "Complete College America" Initiative
10 MW Solar Energy Contract signed



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MCS Theatre Club presents 'Frankenstein'



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The iconic image of Boris Karloff as Frankenstein's creature.

Just in time for Halloween, Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club is gearing up for its next production, Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. An original stage adaptation of Shelley's Gothic masterpiece, the play was written and directed by school president and dramatist, Galvin Deleon Guerrero.

"I have waited almost 20 years to do this show, and the time is finally right," said Deleon Guerrero. When asked why it took so long to bring the show to the stage, he said, "Actually, Shelley's novel has a long tradition of being adapted for the stage, a tradition that predates its prominence in horror films. I spent a lot of time looking for the right play, but I never found the right one. So, I just decided to write one myself."

Deleon Guerrero has been a fan of Shelley's novel since he first read it in high school. "It was the first book I finished in one day. I couldn't put it down

and have read it probably over 30 times since then." His love of the novel has even led him to name his youngest daughter after its author.

As a senior at the University of Puget Sound, Deleon Guerrero was nominated for the Rhodes and Marshall Fellowships to study Shelley's *Frankenstein* at Oxford University. Since 1998, as a teacher of English Literature, including Advanced Placement English, at both the high school and college level, he has always devoted an entire quarter or unit to the study of Shelley's novel. Recently, he completed an online certified course with Duke University, "Achieving Expertise," in which he focused his writing and research on Shelley's novel.

"It is very fitting to take this depth of academic research and translate it into something enter-

taining because that is exactly how Shelley and her parents operated." Shelley's mother, Mary Wollstonecraft, was arguably the first published feminist and her father, William Godwin, is credited with articulating the first philosophical justification of political anarchy. "Although they were very intelligent writers with brilliant ideas, they understood that the best way to educate was to also entertain." Godwin incorporated ideas from his seminal essay, *Enquiry Concerning Political Justice*,

into the first crime novel ever written, *Caleb Williams*, while Wollstonecraft articulated her feminist views from *A Vindication of the Rights of Women* into *The Wrongs of Woman*. Shelley herself had read all of her parents work before publishing *Frankenstein* when she was only 18 years old. In doing so, she also wrote what many scholars argue is the first science fiction story, thus inventing a whole new literary genre.

Deleon Guerrero's play continues a long tradition of the play

being adapted for the stage and for film. Ever since it was published in 1818, Shelley's story has been written into hundreds of plays and dozens of films, including the 1931 film by James Whale that solidified *Frankenstein* in pop culture with the iconic image of Boris Karloff as Frankenstein's creature.

However, despite that long tradition of adaptations, Deleon Guerrero emphasized, "Make no mistake, while this classic story has been told many, many times, we have still managed to make

this production fresh, contemporary, and, of course, very scary."

Frankenstein will be performed on Wednesday, Oct. 29, and Thursday, Oct. 30, in an air-conditioned inside theater on campus. Admission is \$5 and doors will open at 6:30pm. Due to graphic content, parental dissection is strongly advised. Also, due to limited seating, advance purchase of tickets is highly recommended. For more information, call 234-6184 or visit the school's website at www.mount-carmelsaipan.com. (MCS)

WWII Caves and Tunnels Research Project



Photo: W. Eugene Smith

An archaeology student from Flinders University and Saipan co-researchers are looking for participants to help in a research project which aims to survey and record WWII caves, tunnels, related artifacts and stories.

Do you have WWII caves or tunnels on your property that can be surveyed?

Do you have materials that were found in caves that can be recorded?

Do you or your family have a story about WWII caves you can share?

Would you like to participate in fieldwork?

If you wish to participate in any of the four ways above or have any questions, please contact

Julie Mushynsky
Fred Camacho
Genevieve Cabrera

989-8477
286-8194
483-0194 (after 5pm)

julie.mushynsky@flinders.edu.au
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This project was made possible by support from Flinders University and the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, a non-profit, private corporation funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

JOY MALLICK
Petitioner,
vs.
RAYNA FRANCES
S. MALLICK
Respondent,

FCD-DI
CIVIL ACTION
NO. 14-0417

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is PMB 1192 P.O. Box 10003, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2014

/s/ Clerk of Court

ANOTHER 40 FOR 40 WINNER

Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc. staff member Samantha Sikayun, right, poses with the company's fifteenth 40 for 40 Giveaway prize winner Carmen Fejeran, left, after receiving a certificate for free insurance. Forty for 40 is a giveaway promotion designed to thank the CNMI and Pacifica's loyal patrons for 40 years of business. Forty winners for a year of free insurance in celebration of 40 years. Last drawing is slated for Dec. 15. For information about Pacifica's 40 for 40 giveaway log on to www.pacificains.com/fortyforty or call 234-6267/7722/7310. Rest assured, CNMI.

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Another NMC grad passes NCLEX on her first attempt



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Jan Kimberly Alcantara, who graduated from the Northern Marianas College in May, has passed the challenging National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses on her first try.

Another nursing graduate of the Northern Marianas College recently passed the challenging National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses, or NCLEX-RN, on her first attempt. Jan Kimberly Alcantara, who graduated from NMC last May, took the exam on Sept. 24, 2014.

The NCLEX-RN tests an individual's nursing knowledge, skills and abilities essential to the safe and effective practice of nursing at the entry level. The exam is used by nursing boards in all U.S. states and territories to award nursing licenses.

"We are very proud of Jan for passing the NCLEX on her first attempt," said NMC Nursing Department chair Rosa M. Tudela. "I am sure that we will be hearing more about her accomplishments as she enters the nursing workforce and pursues advancement in her nursing education."

"I studied everyday while balancing my other responsibilities," said Alcantara. "I was very anxious, but the support

from my friends, loved ones, and family reminded me to never give up. I never lost faith, and I trusted in God's plan."

"The prerequisite classes and the classes in the different areas of nursing at NMC equipped me with the knowledge and experience to help me prepare for the exam and a nursing career," Alcantara added. "My nursing instructors challenged and pushed me to excel. They were also my mentors and counselors; they guided and supported me."

"I chose nursing because I admired how nurses were knowledgeable and professional, yet so nurturing and compassionate at the same time," Alcantara added.

Asked what advice she would give other students who are preparing to take the NCLEX, Alcantara said: "Study whenever you can, but also make time for yourself. Be consistent, stay focused, ask for help, and use your resources. Pray, have faith, and believe in yourself and in God's plan. No matter what happens, keep your goal[s] in mind and never give up." (NMC)

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROSARIO DELEON GUERRERO VILLAGOMEZ, Deceased.

Civil Action No. 14-0190

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING and NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Date: October 28, 2014
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Judge: Honorable David A. Wiseman

TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENTS OR OF THEIR ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, AC Pacific Development, Inc., has filed a Petition For Letters of Administration in the above-entitled Estate proceeding pursuant to Rule NMIR of Prob. P. 15.

A hearing on the petition and motion will be conducted by the Court on **October 28, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.** in Courtroom 223, Superior Court. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

Pursuant to NMIR of Prob. P. 21, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Decedent or his Estate that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the publication of this notice. A copy of the claim of any creditor should be sent to F. Matthew Smith at the above indicated address.

Reference is hereby made to the petition for further particulars.

SO NOTICED this 20th day of October, 2014.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL TENORIO VILLAGOMEZ, Deceased.

Civil Action No. 14-0191

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PLEASE VOTE #2 JESUS MANIBUSAN CASTRO

SPECIAL ELECTION SENATORIAL CANDIDATE

VOTE FOR POSSIBILITIES!

Tirrowami yan Hafa Adai,

Friends and family and voting citizens of great Commonwealth.

It is that time of year again when we go out and cast our votes for our men and women seeking a seat for public office.

This year, I am one of your candidates running for Senate armed with a steadfast conscience to serve the interest of our people here on Saipan and abroad. My education experience, and contributions to our communities are reflective in my decision to run for office and fight for the very issues affecting the CNMI such as scholarship funding, youth programs, economic growth and employment.

It is high time that we work together to make a difference in the lives affecting our people. It is time to vote with passion for individuals aiming change and not for their self-serving interests.

"THE SECRET OF CHANGE IS TO FOCUS ALL OF YOUR ENERGY, NOT ON FIGHTING THE OLD, BUT ON BUILDING THE NEW"

-SOCRATES

My family, friends, and I, hail to all the voting citizens of Saipan both near and far to think of me during the upcoming elections regardless of party affiliation. In the end, we are all running for one purpose... to serve you, our people, your interests down to the very end. Running for office is never easy. It requires a lot of campaigning and preparations but the joy you'll find.

Whether it is house-to- house or using a social network to interact with our people is just as effective when done solo. You get to hear the people out loud and their concerns.

Please support me on this path and I will be your VOICE for the next two years.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE	
Marianas High School	1971
University of Guam	1977
B.A., Elementary Education	
University of Southern California	1982
Certified Teaching in Middle School	
Guam Community College	1985
Fine Academy	
U.S. Army, Ft. Lewis WA	1999
Academy	
Hawaii National Guard HI	2001
Academy	

U.S. ARMY CERTIFICATIONS	
Primary Leadership Training	1983
Battalion Management	1983
Nuclear Biological Chemical Training	1984

WORK EXPERIENCE	
M.U. Lujan Elementary School,	
Guam	1975-1976
University of Guam	1975-1977
St. Francis School	1976-1978
New Piti Elementary School,	
Guam	1978-1981
Aguida Middle School	1982-1986
Hopwood Junior High School,	
Saipan	1986-1988
US AR-G U Trainer/Instructor	1986-2003
Gov. Guam and CNMI, Fire Academy Instructor	1988-1991
CNMI Fire Department, Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Chief/Fire Director	1988-1995
US AR-G U Retired	2003

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Compassionate Friends of Saipan now a reality

A grief support group for parents, grandparents and siblings that has been meeting since February 2013 has finally become an official chapter of The Compassionate Friends (www.compassionatefriends.org). The national organization includes 650 chapters with locations in all 50 states, as well as Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and Guam...and now Saipan.

The death of a child or grandchild is an unexpected event in anyone’s life. Most of us will experience the death of parents, and many, the death of a spouse. But those deaths, as difficult as they are, are an expected part of life.

When a child dies, at any age, and from any cause, the family suffers intense pain and may feel hopeless and isolated.

Chapters of The Compassionate Friends provide highly personal comfort, hope, and support to families experiencing the death of a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister, or a grandchild, and help others better assist the grieving family.

We are a self-help organization and do not offer professional counseling—but we have “been there.” We respect everyone’s beliefs but have no specific religious or philosophical agenda. There is no pressure on attendees to speak but everyone is asked to listen. Our meetings are confidential.

On Sunday, Dec. 14, the local group will be participating in The Compassionate Friends’ 18th annual Candle Lighting; this is a very special and moving event when bereaved families join together from around the

world in memory of all children gone too soon. Further details will be available shortly.

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan holds their monthly grief support meetings on the first Thursday of each month, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai. The group co-leaders, Jill Derickson (989-9821, jilld@pticom.com) and Donna Krum (783-0755, donnakrum@gmail.com), can be contacted for further information.

The group’s steering committee members are Derickson, Krum, Matilde Rosario, and Magdalena Sablan George.

The newly formed group is grateful to NMPASI for the use of their facility and appreciate the continuing support of the community. *(PR)*



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

INVITATION TO BID ITB15-GOV-003

Renovation of DPS Administration and General Support Offices

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Renovation of DPS Administration and General Support Offices.

The project package will be available Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at the Governor’s CIP Administrator’s Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing **no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 05, 2014** to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **“ITB15-GOV-003 – Renovation of DPS Administration and General Support Offices”**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, November 17, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, November 17, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 17, 2014** and the ITB documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive no later than **November 26, 2014, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at **10:30 a.m. Saipan local time, November 28, 2014**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, on November 17, 2014**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: “Credit Account No. 44660”. If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P & S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable asset are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Government Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

INVITATION TO BID ITB15-GOV-001

Repainting of Public Facilities on Tinian

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, are soliciting sealed bids for the Repainting of Government Buildings in Tinian.

The project package will be available Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at the Governor’s CIP Administrator’s Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing **no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on October 23, 2014** to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

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Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *“Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0002-76”*, and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., Friday, October 31, 2014**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

A CD-Rom containing the contract documents including specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier’s check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. *Those bidders that picked up a CD from the August 22, 2014 advertisement need not submit payment for the new CD. However, a copy of the receipt should be presented before acquiring new CD.*

The procurement is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

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A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, October 17, 2014**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

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Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the “Bidder’s Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause”, a “Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities”, and the “Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation”, and all other required forms and information as required, stipulated and contained in the bid proposal documents and specifications, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

The proposed agreement is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

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Date: October 9, 2014

Ayuda Network to assess need for respite care in NMI

We are pleased to announce the availability of respite care services program made possible through the annual budget appropriation provided for under Section 8 of Public Law 14-36 for the Commonwealth Respite Services Program, currently being administered by the Ayuda Network, Inc., a community-based organization.

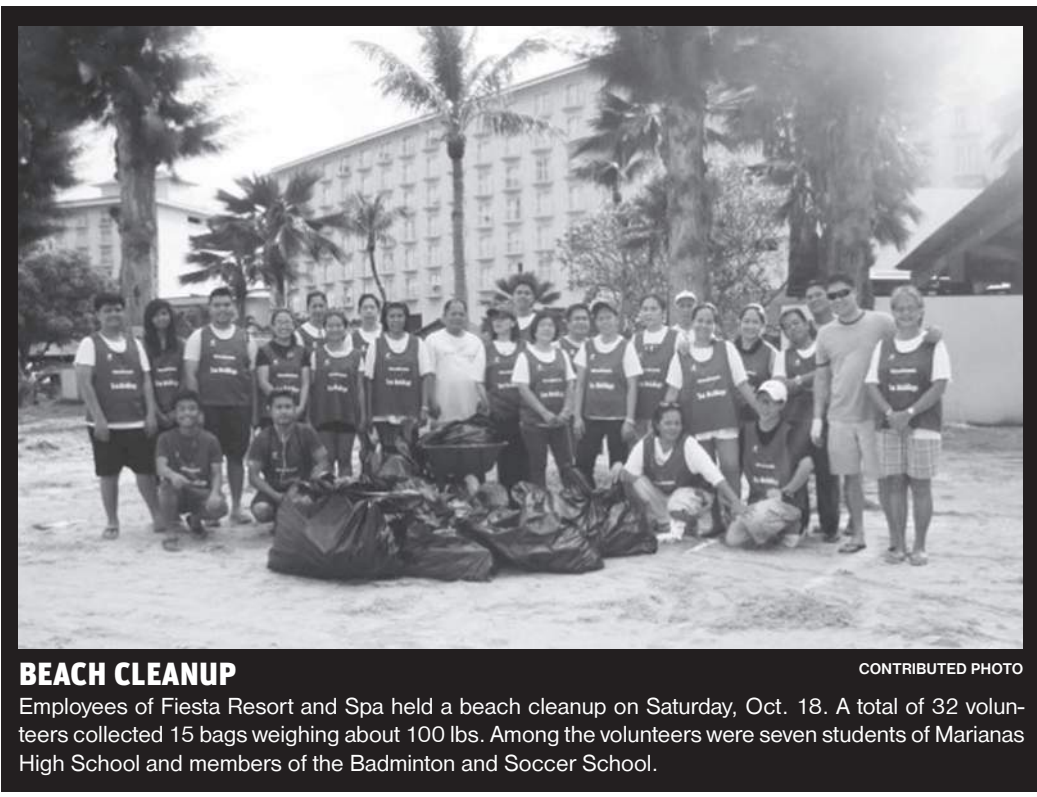
Ayuda Network shall be responsible for regulating, managing and supervising the delivery of respite care services to the community in accordance with all the requirements of Public Law 14-36 and in NMIAC 75-60.1, Commonwealth Respite Service Program Administrative Rules and Regulations.

Purpose

The Commonwealth Respite Service Program will provide respite services to eligible recipients or primary caregivers of target dependents. Primary caregiver is an individual who provides a client with continuous at-home care at no cost. Target dependents are children with developmental disabilities residing at home, or adults with developmental disabilities who reside with aging parents, children, and older individuals who are medically fragile, have developmental disabilities, dementia, and other conditions and who reside at home of primary caregiver such as adult children, grandchildren, or other care-giving relative.


Therefore, to establish and develop a system for the program, Ayuda Network is currently conducting a needs assessment survey and is inviting all interested families and individuals who are in need of respite services to register with Ayuda and submit a survey questionnaire. Service providers, day care centers, and business community interested in providing respite service care are also urged to call Ayuda. The survey questionnaires are available at the Ayuda Network office to determine the need for respite service in the Commonwealth.

For more information about the Commonwealth Respite Service Program, contact: Ayuda Network Inc., P. O. Box 503019, Saipan MP 96950; telephone: (670) 234-749; email address ayudanet@ayuda-cnmi.org. Or visit our office located in Chalan Kanoa Drive, next door to Karidat Social Services Bldg. Our office is open Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 4:30pm. *(Ayuda Network)*



BEACH CLEANUP

Employees of Fiesta Resort and Spa held a beach cleanup on Saturday, Oct. 18. A total of 32 volunteers collected 15 bags weighing about 100 lbs. Among the volunteers were seven students of Marianas High School and members of the Badminton and Soccer School.



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Off The Wall

UK man faked coma for 2 years to avoid court

LONDON (AP)—He might have got away with it if it hadn't been for his supermarket loyalty card.

A British fraudster who pretended to be quadriplegic and sometimes comatose for two years to avoid prosecution has been convicted after police caught him on camera driving and strolling around supermarkets.

Alan Knight of Swansea, Wales, stole more than 40,000 pounds (\$64,000) from the bank account of an elderly neighbor with Alzheimer's disease, prosecutors said.

When police began investigating, the 47-year-old Knight claimed to be quadriplegic and so sick he sometimes fell into a coma. He checked himself into a hospital to avoid court appearances, saying he was having seizures.

The South Wales Evening Post reported Wednesday that the suspect's wife, Helen Knight, had written to the newspaper saying her husband had obtained a doctor's letter certifying he was "quadriplegic and in a comatose condition, bed-bound at home" after a neck injury.

"We've been through absolute hell and we're still going through hell," she wrote, according to the newspaper.

Knight's deceit was uncovered when police tracked the use of his supermarket card, and produced surveillance camera footage of him walking and driving.

Warned that the trial would go ahead whether he was present or not, Knight arrived at Swansea Crown Court Tuesday in a wheelchair and neck brace. Faced with the video evidence, he pleaded guilty to 19 counts of forgery, fraud and theft. His wife has not been charged with any offense.



AP

In this image made available by South Wales Police shows a video image Alan Knight, of Swansea south Wales, right, in a supermarket in Bishop's Cleeve in western England in June 2014.

Judge Paul Thomas said Knight was "a very accomplished and determined actor ... and the conditions he claims to be suffering from are simply nonexistent."

"His illnesses coincide with impending court appearances. I do not believe the symptoms are genuine," the judge was quoted as saying by the South Wales Evening Post.

Knight is due to be sentenced Nov. 7.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Woman saved from California chimney, then arrested

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP)—A woman stuck in the chimney of a Southern California house has been rescued and arrested. Ventura County fire Capt. Ron Oatman says firefighters responding to neighbors' reports of a woman crying had to chisel away much of the chimney and lubricate it with dish soap Sunday to free 30-year-old Genoveva Nunez-Figueroa. The Ventura County Star reports she was arrested on suspicion of illegal entry and giving false information to police. Police say Nunez-Figueroa knows the owner of the home in Thousand Oaks, who wasn't there. They wouldn't elaborate. She had no clear injuries but was taken to a hospital for evaluation. Police didn't know if she'd hired an attorney, and no phone listing for her could be found. Oatman says firefighters destroyed the chimney and damaged the roof.

Nebraska trucker returns bull mastiff to Arizona

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—A dog-loving Nebraska trucker has taken a lost 95-pound bull mastiff on a 1,380-mile trip back to her owners in Arizona. The Lincoln Journal Star reports Dani and Jason Windham were getting ready for their Aug. 4 wedding in Nebraska when their three dogs knocked down a fence and ran. Animal control found the other two, but not Koda. Seven days later, the Windhams moved to Camp Verde, Arizona. Last week, Koda was found after a farmer reported a dog chasing his cattle about 40 miles away from where she disappeared. The Windhams couldn't afford to fly her back, so a lost pets group in Nebraska put out a call for help. Truck driver Jimmy Dimmit answered. Koda got to ride in the front seat during the 24-hour drive. She was reunited with her happy owners Monday.

Bank robber who bummed cigarette gets 10 years

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A bank robber who stopped during his escape to bum a cigarette off a construction worker has been sentenced to 10 years in prison by a federal judge in Pittsburgh. The worker told police that a man matching 38-year-old Paul Carman's description appeared nervous moments after the October 2013 robbery in Ambridge, when Carman threw his shirt in a trash container. But Carman still stopped to borrow a cigarette. That encounter helped police identify Carman as the man who handed a Huntingdon Bank teller a note saying, "This is a robbery. No dye packs. No alarms." Carman pleaded guilty in June and faced more than 12 years in prison under federal guidelines. Carman's attorney argued his client has had a life-long problem with alcohol and should get a shorter term.

Woman says she sold pot to help raise grandkids

BUTLER, Pa. (AP)—A 65-year-old Pennsylvania woman has admitted selling hundreds of pounds of marijuana from her home but says she needed the money to raise several grandchildren after her daughter died. Candace Kelly, of Sarver, was originally charged last fall after authorities found 64 pounds of hydroponically grown marijuana and nearly \$400,000 in cash at her home in Buffalo Township. Those charges were withdrawn because of problems with a search warrant. Kelly was charged again in January after a grand jury investigation. The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reports Kelly pleaded guilty Wednesday in Butler County and faces up to 10 years in prison. She told a judge she sold as much as 100 pounds of marijuana a year for more than four years.



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

**BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIREFIGHTING (ARFF) BUILDING ROOF LEAK REPAIRS
AIP NO. 3-69-0003-23**



The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the repair of the roof leaks of the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Building at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, October 24, 2014, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island - (25 points);
2. A/E Design experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) - (25 points);
3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA and AIP grants - (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the Consultant in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the Consultant's professional integrity and competence - (15 points);
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal - (10 points).

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, November 14, 2014**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all travel costs and taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

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Science & Technology

Survey: Harassment a common part of online life

NEW YORK (AP)—A new study confirms what many Internet users know all too well: Harassment is a common part of online life.

The first-of-its-kind report by the Pew Research Center found that nearly three-quarters of American adults who use the Internet have witnessed online harassment. Forty percent have experienced it themselves.

The types of harassment Pew asked about range from name-calling to physical threats, sexual harassment and stalking. Half of those who were harassed said they didn't know the person who had most recently attacked them.

Young adults—people 18 to 29—were the most likely age group to see and undergo online harassment. Women ages 18 to 24 were disproportionately the victims of stalking and sexual harassment, according to the survey. And people who have more information available about themselves online, work in the tech industry or promote themselves on the Internet, were also more likely to be harassed.

Case in point: Celebrities. Stars such as the actress Jennifer Lawrence had nude photos stolen and posted online recently in a widespread hacking scandal in late August. Lawrence, 24, later told Vanity Fair that she consid-

ered looking at the pictures a sex crime.

It can be difficult for police to go after online bullies in part because "our legal system hasn't quite caught up with technology," said Elizabeth Dowdell, a nursing professor at Villanova University who studies online aggression. On top of that, adults are generally hesitant to report harassment because they might view it as a "child or teenage problem."

"But the Internet has no age limits," Dowdell said. "People look for outlets for aggression and the Internet is a wonderful place because it's anonymous and you don't

have to be truthful."

Social networking companies have sometimes been criti-

cized for not doing enough to stop online harassment, even though it's standard policy to

ban threats, bullying and harassment. But they have at least tried to respond to complaints.

Google unveils app for managing Gmail inboxes

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—Google is introducing an application designed to make it easier for its Gmail users to find and manage important information that can often get buried in their inboxes.

The service, called Inbox, can sort electronic receipts and bank statements into bundles so they can be quickly fetched. This method is similar to the way that Gmail currently separates promotional

emails from other communications sent to its users.

Inbox can also figure out the key points of an email, such as travel itineraries, event times and photos, and highlight the information, according to Google. In some instances, the app will automatically retrieve other helpful content, such as updated flight times, from the Web. Inbox can also create to-do lists.

Gmail has become a virtual filing cabinet for millions of

people who can store up to 15 gigabytes in their inboxes for free. Even with a Google search engine built into Gmail, it can still be time consuming to find a particular piece of information, especially for people who have been using the service since it began more than a decade ago.

Sifting through mail can be even more exasperating on smartphones, which could turn the Inbox into a popular mobile app.

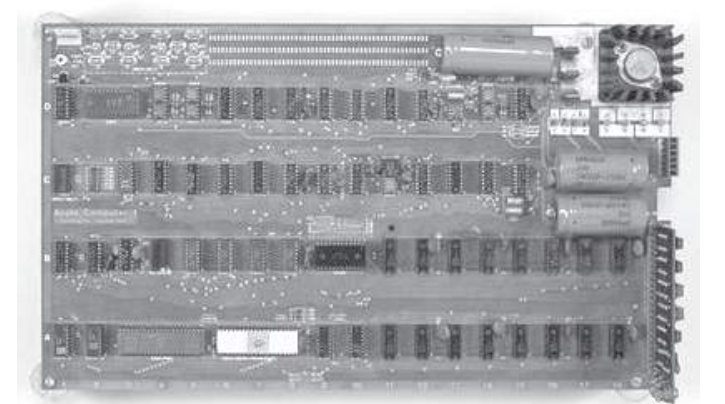
Early Apple computer sells for \$905,000 at auction

NEW YORK (AP)—A vintage Apple computer that was one of only 50 made in Steve Jobs' garage in 1976 sold for \$905,000 at auction on Wednesday, far exceeding pre-sale estimates and outdoing a previous high price of more than \$671,000 paid in Germany last year.

Bonhams auction house said Wednesday's winning bid, which includes its premium, came from The Henry Ford museum.

The computer, which had been estimated to sell for \$300,000 to \$500,000, has an intact motherboard and a vintage keyboard and monitor. It also has a power supply contained in a wooden box and two tape decks, Bonhams said.

"The provenance on the Apple-1 is excellent and the condition is outstanding, so it was not surprising that it did so well,"



This undated photo provided by Bonhams shows a vintage 1976 Apple 1 computer that is among the items being offered for auction on Oct. 22, 2014 by Bonhams auction house in New York.

the auction house's specialist for the sale, Cassandra Hatton, said in a statement. "We are thrilled to have broken the world record for its sale, and are even more thrilled that it is going to a wonderful new home at the Henry

Ford Museum."

An Apple-1 computer sold last year in Cologne, Germany, for \$671,400. Apple, the maker of iPads, iPhones and iMac computers, is based in Cupertino, California.

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Life & Style

Renee Zellweger: 'People don't know me in my 40s'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Renee Zellweger says she looks different because she's "living a different, happy, more fulfilling life."

The 45-year-old Oscar winner issued a statement to People magazine late Tuesday after she became a trending topic on Twitter, with many fans claiming the actress had become "unrecognizable." Her appearance at a Hollywood event earlier this week sparked widespread Internet chatter.

Zellweger's most recent acting credit was in 2010, and she says, "People don't know me in my 40s."

She said she has concentrated on her health and personal development in recent years and is "thrilled that perhaps it shows."

Zellweger said she might look different, but "who doesn't as they get older?!"



Renee Zellweger arrives at ELLE's 21st annual Women In Hollywood Awards at the Four Season Hotel on Monday, Oct. 20, 2014, in Los Angeles.

Kenny G doesn't support Hong Kong protesters

HONG KONG (AP)—Smooth jazz star Kenny G insisted Thursday he's not a foreign provocateur supporting Hong Kong's pro-democracy protests, after Beijing signaled its displeasure over his inharmonious visit and repeated concerns about meddling by external forces.

The American musician created a stir when he tweeted Wednesday about his visit to the semiautonomous southern Chinese city, where thousands of student-led protesters have occupied streets for more than three weeks to press their demands for greater democratic reforms.

"In Hong Kong at the sight of the demonstration. I wish everyone a peaceful and positive conclusion to this situa-

tion," he wrote.

He took to social media again later to declare that he was not trying to defy the Chinese government, but rather had just happened to come across the protest zone while walking around Hong Kong as a tourist.

"I am not supporting the demonstrators as I don't really know anything about the situation," he wrote on his Twitter and Facebook accounts. "I only wanted to share my wish for Peace for Hong Kong and for all of China."

Photos had circulated earlier on social media of the star by himself and with protesters at the main protest zone near downtown Hong Kong.

The musician's laidback soprano sax tunes are wildly

popular in China, especially his song "Going Home," which can be heard at train stations, department stores, airports, hotel lobbies and over loudspeakers in public parks, and is often used as a signal for people to clear out. He completed a four-concert tour of the country in September.

When asked about the appearance, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying paused and noted Kenny G's popularity—and then warned foreigners not to get involved.

"I think Kenny G's music is popular in China, though regarding the illegal protest in Hong Kong, the Chinese government has a clear position. We think that is an illegal campaign," Hua said.

How Cooper will stay limber for 'Elephant Man'

NEW YORK (AP)—Bradley Cooper will contort his limbs into uncomfortable positions for eight shows a week when he begins his run in the Broadway revival of "The Elephant Man." That means he'll need to take extra care of his body to stay limber.

"I have an inversion table. That's a new thing, it goes like that," Cooper said while using hand motions to show the up and down tilting of his body on the table. He'll use it twice a day and have a chiropractor nearby.

The play by Bernard Pomerance, which premiered at the Booth Theatre in 1979, shows some two dozen snapshots in the life of the grotesque Joseph Merrick, tracing his journey from an abused circus freak to a curiosity of London's high society. Cooper won't use prosthetics, opting instead to imply disfigurement through facial expression and twisted posture.

Cooper, an Academy Award nominee, already knows the physical demands of portraying the character onstage from a short run at the Williamstown Theatre Festival in 2012.

"I got to research the real guy and I just fell in love with



In this March 2, 2014 file photo, Bradley Cooper arrives at the Oscars in Los Angeles.

who he was a human being, as a man," Cooper said. "It's been a wonderful, eye-opening experience into that world of the late 1800s in London and Leicester and what he went through."

Cooper became fascinated by Merrick's life after seeing the 1980 film version by David Lynch, which he cites as the catalyst for wanting to pursue a career in acting.

But he wasn't acquainted with the stage production until much later, when he was studying at the Actors Studio

Drama School in New York.

"It wasn't until grad school where we had to choose a thesis and I came across Bernard Pomerance's play," Cooper said, adding that Merrick had loomed large for him growing up: "I probably thought about him maybe every day since I was 12, so I took a shot at it and it seemed to feel like a fit."

But the actor has had a busy schedule over the past few years, so it took a little more than a whim for him to thread the boards for the play's 14-week Broadway run starting Nov. 7.

Search for world's funniest person moves to Vegas

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An international search to find the world's funniest person is moving to Las Vegas, where people will get to see five finalists square off in an Olympics of comedy that pits France, Finland and other countries against one another.

The finalists were determined by online voters who saw 10 comics take the stage at the Laugh Factory in Hollywood during a Monday night jokefest that was

streamed on the club's website.

The finals will take place Friday at the Laugh Factory's sister club in Las Vegas. The winner will be announced after online voting closes Monday.

Finalists are Saad Haroon of Pakistan, Mustapha El Atrassi of France, Archie Bezos of Spain, Nitin Mirani of United Arab Emirates and Ismo Leikola of Finland. Lioz Shem Tov of Israel, who came in sixth, will take part

if one of the others drops out.

Laugh Factory owner Jamie Masada combed comedy festivals around the world for dozens of contestants. Online voters previously narrowed the list to the 10 semifinalists.

Masada says he hopes the competition will show people around the world that if they can laugh together there is no need for war.

He hopes to make it an annual event.

Pesky peacocks are featured in invitation to dinner party

DEAR ABBY: A former colleague recently moved nearby and sent us an invitation to dinner at her new residence. She lives in an area that's populated by wild peacocks, which she knew before she moved there.

A condition of her invitation is that we (my spouse and I) agree to use a type of high-powered water gun to shoot at the peacocks from her balcony while we are visiting. I understand that these birds can be messy (I assume from their droppings). However, we find conditioning the visit upon our willingness to shoot water at the birds disconcerting.

Because we find this activity distasteful, should we decline and state why, or accept but make clear that we won't participate in the fowl-watering activity? How does one handle this tactfully?

NO FOWL PLAY IN FLORIDA

DEAR NO FOWL PLAY: Because your former colleague invited you with the expressed understanding her guests will be expected to "fowl-water," which would make you uncomfortable, politely decline the invitation. If you feel you must pass judgment on shooting at the peacocks, all you need to say is you prefer not to shoot at any creature that can't defend itself.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 30 years and have no

children. Now in my mid-50s, I realize what a negative force my husband has been in my life.

I was not allowed to have children, and over the years I have lost all family and most friends because he didn't like anyone. He constantly badmouths the town we live in—it's my hometown—and any interests I have. He hasn't worked in 10 years since closing his business.

I wake up every morning with the thought of just trying to make it through one more day. I am a shell of the person I once was, and don't know where to turn. Please help.

NAMELESS IN THE USA

DEAR NAMELESS: Get out of the house and out of isolation. Volunteering in your community will give you an escape from your husband's negativity and an opportunity to meet others who are involved in positive activities. He won't like it, but do it anyway. If you do, it will save your sanity.

DEAR ABBY: At a wedding reception I attended recently, the mother of the bride gave a sales pitch for her insurance company. She concluded with the statement that she would now be able to write this off on her taxes.

Was this legitimate? She had numerous clients there, as well

DEAR ABBY

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as prospective ones, and gifts with corporate logos for them stashed in the bathroom.

TAKEN ABACK IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR TAKEN ABACK: Talk about a "marriage of convenience." How unbelievably tacky! Actually, my tax experts tell me that she's not entitled to write the reception off because the **PREDOMINANT MOTIVE** of the occasion was not business. Let's hope the IRS doesn't get wind of it.

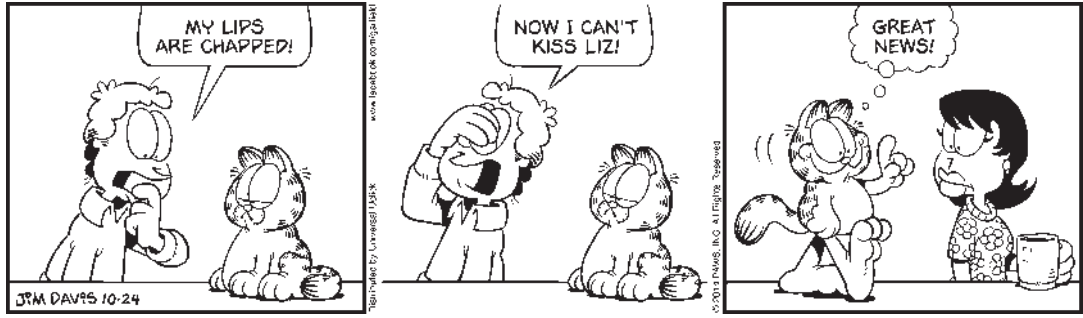
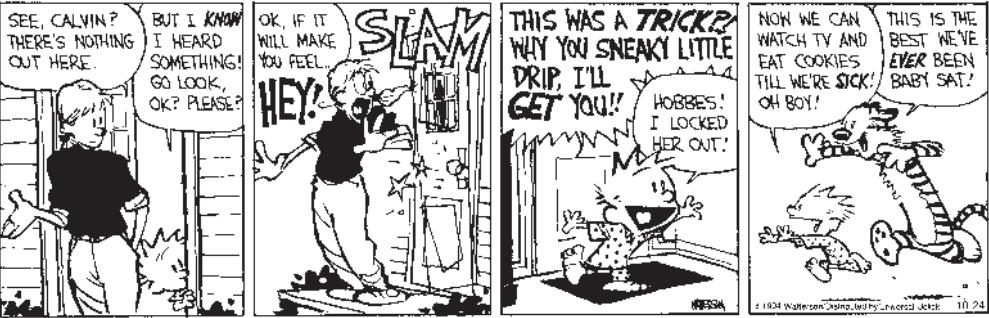
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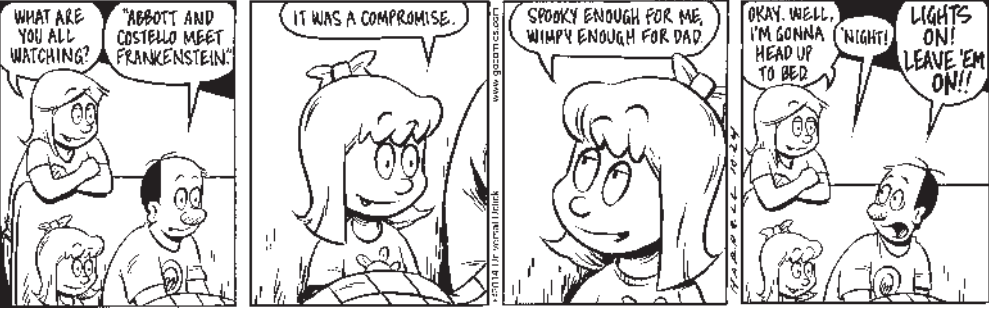
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ACROSS

1 Piglet's parent

4 General on a Chinese menu

7 Harassed

12 Part of N.A.

13 — Claire, Wis.

14 Upper crust

15 Sermon subject

16 Solving procedure

18 Coop occupant

19 Artist Frida

20 Mideast nation

22 1959 Kingston Trio hit

23 Characteristic carrier

27 Sea urchin, re 1-Down

29 Man

31 Japanese-American

34 Greedy one's call

35 Censors, in a way

37 Youngster

38 Family

39 Lemieux milieu

41 Region

45 Knee support

47 Treasure seeker's aid

48 Math exponent

52 — out (supplement)

53 Locale for sweaters?

54 Allen or Tebow

55 "Gosh!"

56 Wood nymph

57 Verily

58 Commercial

DOWN

1 See 27-Across

2 Wicker-work willow

3 Would like to, in kid-speak

4 Ship-building wood

5 7-Down's makeup, maybe

6 — to (should)

7 Long lunch

8 Muham-mad or Laila

9 Pimple

10 Biblical verb suffix

11 Rep.'s rival

17 Scandi-navian man's name

21 Hive head

23 Show-ness

24 Shade provider

25 Pierre, e.g.

26 Ram's mate

28 Chill in the air

30 Id counter-part

31 Peacock's home?

32 Under the weather

33 Red or Black

36 iPhone voice

37 Computer nerd

40 Slyly spiteful

42 Last letter

43 Un-draped

44 Tools for duels

45 Actor Pitt

46 Austen heroine

48 "Acid"

49 Scull need

50 Larry the Cable —

51 Literary collection

Solution time: 25 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 10-24

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kyla Ross, 18; Shenae Grimes, 25; B.D. Wong, 54; Kevin Kline, 67.

Happy Birthday: Don't hesitate or ponder over possibilities when you should be taking action and making things happen. Dedication and drive will help you find your place in the spotlight, but don't feel you have to do things on too big a scale. It's simplicity that will draw the most attention. Stick to basics and incorporate efficiency and a tight budget in whatever you pursue. Your numbers are 7, 15, 21, 23, 30, 34, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can wiggle your way out of a sticky situation if you opt to make a work-related alteration to your schedule. Don't feel you have to take direction from others if you can see an alternative that suits you better. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be uncertain about what to do next. Avoid overspending or you will be faced with conflict. Partnerships will be challenging if you cannot come to an agreement or an arrangement that works for both of you. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A change of attitude will make your life easier. Making compromises and concessions will help you avoid opposition and pave the way to success. Use your intelligence to get your way, but avoid giving false information. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Discuss your ideas and share your plans and vision, and you will be well-received. Good suggestions will be offered and a partner-

ship formed. Love will take an interesting turn that sparks your imagination. A secret will be divulged. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You aren't likely to draw positive attention. Expect to face conflict and even some deception along the way. Being fully prepared with your facts and figures to back you up will help you gain respect and trust. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Walk down a different path than you have in the past, and you will see the world in a unique way. Take action and do something to give back to your community. Opportunities for growth abound, and love is highlighted. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't hesitate if you see a career opportunity online. Send out your resume and do whatever it takes to get an interview. Sometimes it's necessary to stand out in a crowd in order to get noticed. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't feel limited by change when you should be using it to your advantage. By recycling, reusing and refusing to let expenses climb out of control, you will reach your goal and set the stage for what's to come. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Choose adventure over something routine or familiar. Make alterations at home or to the way you live and you will get a burst of energy and enthusiasm to engage in activities that stimulate and push you to strive to reach your goals. ★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put more thought into career goals and how you can make positive changes without hurting what you have worked so hard to build. Make choices based on what works best for someone you love. A move will be satisfying. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on money, health, and legal matters. An unexpected change will throw you off guard. Don't let your emotions lead you down the wrong path. Keep life simple and your choices realistic. A united front will keep a relationship on level ground. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get moving. Money is heading in your direction. Don't hesitate to collect an old debt, make an insurance claim or ask for a loan. Love is in the stars, and a commitment will lead to a happy and fulfilling future. ★★

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7

5 7 6

3 8

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6 9

4 1 6

8 1 7 2 3 5

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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5 4 8 6 1 9 3 7 2

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4 9 5 1 6 8 2 3 7

1 8 7 3 5 2 9 4 6

2 3 6 9 4 7 8 5 1

Difficulty Level ★★

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

TEXT MESSAGE ABBREVIATIONS Solution: 8 letters

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Royals clobber Giants to even World Series



KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Salvador Perez shouted at Hunter Strickland, who shouted right back. The Kansas City Royals streamed from their dugout, the San Francisco Giants from their own. And for a tense moment in the sixth inning Wednesday night, Kauffman Stadium was consumed by chaos.

The one thing that was clear? The World Series suddenly had some life.

Perez broke open Game 2 with a two-run double in a five-run sixth, and the Royals' cast of clutch relievers kept the Giants in check for a 7-2 victory that spiced things up as the Series shifts to San Francisco for three games.

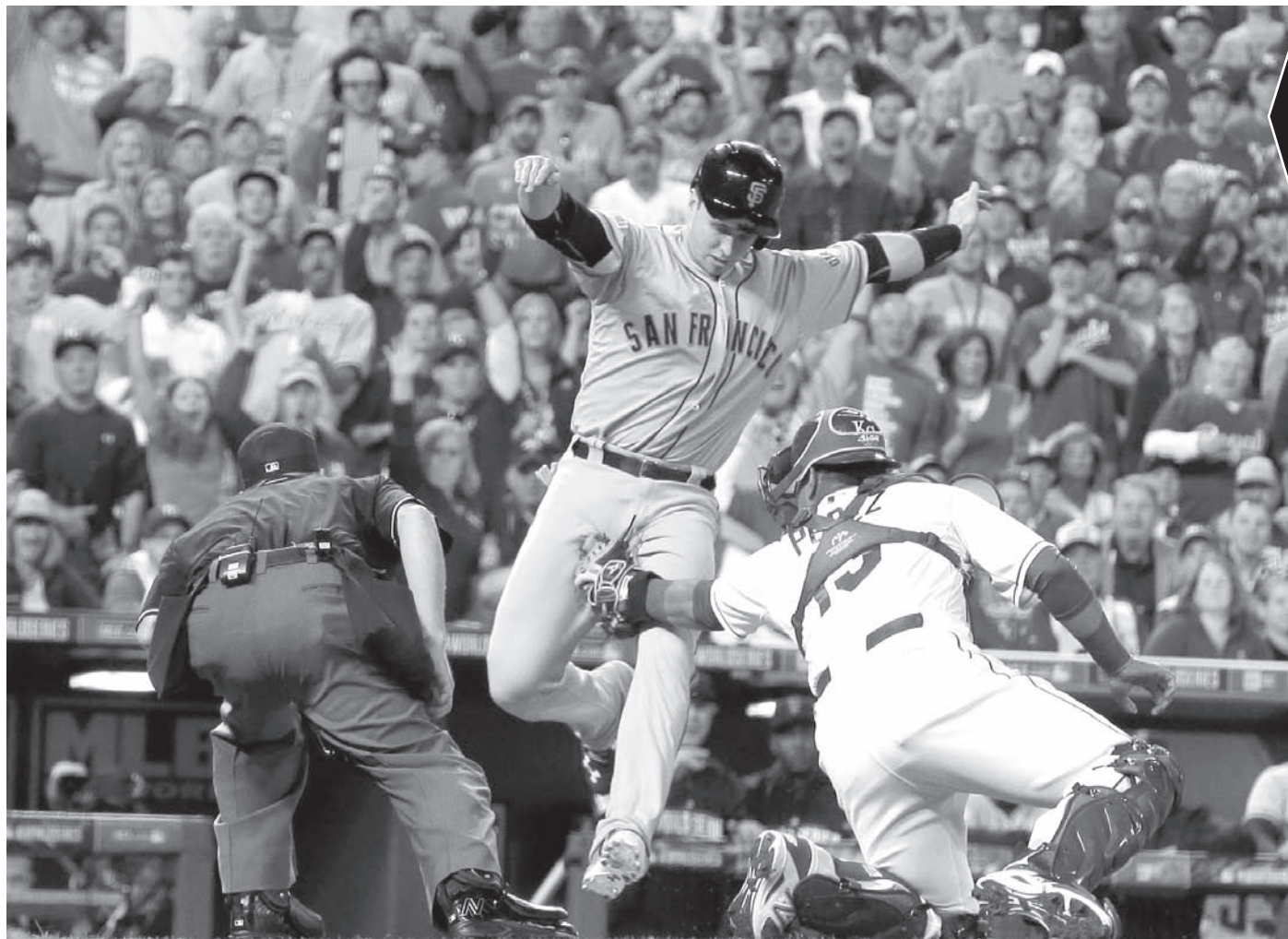
"We showed them that we have fight in us, and I think they knew that already," said Billy Butler, whose RBI single in the sixth inning gave the Royals a 3-2 lead. "But we stepped up big there as a team, and that gave us some confidence."

Jeremy Guthrie will be on the mound Friday night for the Royals, who had won eight straight playoff games before a 7-1 loss in the opener. Tim Hudson will start for San Francisco.

"With their pitching and our pitching, and the way both teams play, we're going to have a fight, I think, every game," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said.

So much talk of fighting after the two teams nearly came to blows Wednesday.

The Royals had surged ahead on Butler's single when Perez followed with a double off Strickland into the left-field gap. Omar Infante then scorched a pitch into the bull-



AP
San Francisco Giants' Buster Posey is tagged out by Kansas City Royals catcher Salvador Perez during the first inning of Game 2 of baseball's World Series Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo.

pen in left, the fifth homer that Strickland had allowed to 23 postseason batters.

Boiling over with anger, Strickland yelled into his glove then got into a shouting match with Perez as the big, burly catcher headed for home. Players spilled out of both dugouts, and several Royals streamed in from the outfield bullpen before the umpires finally restored order.

"He started to look at me, so I asked him like, 'Hey, why you look at me?'" Perez said. "So he was telling me, 'Get out of here, whatever.' So I don't know. 'You don't have to treat me like that. Look at Omar. Omar hit a bomb. I didn't hit a bomb. I hit a double.'"

Strickland said he simply let

his frustration get to him.

"I let the team down," he said. "My emotions got to me."

With his 100 mph fastball singeing the Giants' batters, Royals flamethrower Yordano Ventura allowed two runs while pitching into the sixth inning. The 23-year-old protégé of Pedro Martinez hardly looked like the first rookie to make a World Series start for the Royals, calmly handling a lineup that had ravaged staff ace James Shields.

The dynamic trio of Kelvin Herrera, Wade Davis and Greg Holland did the rest.

Herrera got the final two outs of the sixth to escape a jam, his first three pitches clocking at least 100 mph. He also survived a shaky seventh

before Davis breezed through the eighth.

Greg Holland, who saved each game in the Royals' sweep of Baltimore in the AL Championship Series, allowed a two-out single to Brandon Crawford before fanning Gregor Blanco to end the game.

The Giants' only runs came on a homer by Blanco and a

double by Brandon Belt, their streak of seven straight World Series wins ending on a crisp, breezy night.

"For us to leave here with a split, you like to get greedy," Bochy said, "but we know it's going to be a tough series."

Early on, it looked as if the Giants could have a big lead heading back to the Bay Area.

SIDEBAR

Giants' bullpen melts down in Game 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Giants manager Bruce Bochy signaled to his bullpen and got no relief. Over and over.

While the Kansas City Royals showed off their late-inning heat, San Francisco's relievers melted down.

Given a sixth-inning tie to preserve, Jean Machi allowed Billy Butler's go-ahead single. Rookie Hunter Strickland then yielded Salvador Perez's two-run double and Omar Infante's two-run homer in the Giants' 7-2 loss to Kansas City on Wednesday night, which tied the World Series at one game apiece.

"Those are the matchups that we were trying to get," Bochy said. "It just didn't work out. It was a tough inning for us. The bullpen had a hard time."

The lasting image of the evening for the Giants was of Strickland shouting and getting into a confrontation with Perez, then getting removed from the game.

"I was just frustrated with myself. I let the team down," said Strickland, who has allowed five postseason homers after giving up three during the

regular season - all at Double-A. "My emotions got to me."

San Francisco's bullpen had the fifth-best ERA in the majors during the regular season at 3.01, while Kansas City was 10th at 3.30. And while Santiago Casilla, Jeremy Affeldt, Javier Lopez and Sergio Romo are among the seven players who have played in all three of the Giants' postseason runs since 2010, there have been signs of unsteadiness.

Jake Peavy had retired 10 in a row before Lorenzo Cain's soft single to center leading off the sixth. Peavy walked Eric Hosmer before Machi came in, fell behind Butler 2-0 and allowed a go-ahead single to left.

Lopez retired Alex Gordon on a flyout, and Bochy brought in Strickland, who gave up Bryce Harper's third-deck home run in the NL Division Series opener at Washington and a splash shot to Harper that landed between kayaks in McCovey Cove during Game 4. Harper shouted at Strickland that afternoon. This time, the pitcher did the yelling.

He threw a wild pitch that

advanced the runners to second and third, then followed with a 97 mph fastball that Perez sent to the wall in left-center on three hops.

Two pitches later, Infante turned on a 98 mph fastball that ran back over the plate, and Perez deposited it into the left-field bullpen. Strickland shouted at himself, which caught Perez's attention and caused him to shout back.

"I'm not going to back down from anything," Strickland said, explaining why he in turn screamed at Perez.

The benches emptied. No punches were thrown.

Strickland was replaced by Jeremy Affeldt, making the Giants the third team to use five pitchers in a Series inning after a pair of teams in Game 7s, Baltimore in 1979 and St. Louis in 1985.

"I think it was just frustration on his part," Bochy said. "It's intense out there. He's an intense kid, and it probably got away from him a little bit. ... It's a big stage. A lot of emotions are going to be shown in these games, and the kid was frustrated. He'll be back out there."

British govt wants an NFL team in London



LONDON (AP)—The British government wants an NFL team based in London.

George Osborne, the British treasury chief, told the Evening Standard newspaper on Wednesday that the government will do whatever it can "to make this happen."

The NFL has been playing regular-season games at Wembley Stadium every year since 2007, and this season there are three games on the schedule. But they haven't yet announced any plans to put a team permanently in the British capital.

"We warmly welcome the chancellor's strong support for the possibility of an NFL team in London and look forward to welcoming him to a game at Wembley over the next few weeks," the NFL said in a statement. "Our key priority

is to continue to build our fan base in the U.K. so that there is strong demand for any future plans in London."

Detroit and Atlanta will play Sunday at Wembley, the home of England's national soccer team. Last month, the Miami Dolphins beats the Oakland Raiders 38-14, and next month, the Dallas Cowboys will face the Jacksonville Jaguars.

While there has been much talk over the last few years, feasibility of a franchise in London is uncertain. So is how many players would want to join a team so far away from the rest of the league.

"This is primarily a decision for the owners of the clubs and the NFL organization, but I've said to the NFL that anything the government can do to make this happen we will do, because I think it would be a huge boost to London," Osborne said.

The Jaguars also played at Wembley last year, losing to the San Francisco 49ers, and are slated to keep coming to London over the next two seasons. They are owned by Shahid Khan, who also owns English soccer club Fulham.

Because of Khan's plan to keep his franchise in the British sports fan's consciousness, the Jaguars have often been rumored as the most likely team to relocate to Britain.

Osborne, however, would not speculate on which team might pick up and move abroad.

"There are 32 teams in America and one of them could be a London team. That's a serious prospect," Osborne said. "It's not going to happen overnight but over the next few years. I just think it will cement London as a global sporting capital as well as a global financial and business and cultural capital."

Kagman stops Runnin' Rebels



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The Kagman Sparks downed the Runnin' Rebels, 70-52, in the lone U21 game played last Wednesday night in the 2014 BANMI Youth League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Kagman notched its fourth win in five games to tie idle Sonics in second place behind the unbeaten Ol' Aces (4-0). The Runnin' Rebels, who are a late addition to the division, absorbed their first loss after debuting with a victory over Laly 4 (0-3).

The Sparks' starters, who are composed of the core of the Kagman High School varsity team, proved to be too much for the young Runnin' Rebels crew. Jonathan Santos, Allan Yu, Jesse Santos, Mike Muna, and Andrew Palino made up the starting five

of the Sparks and all hit the board early and combined for majority of the team's points to dominate the Runnin' Rebels. With Santos and company working together, Kagman did not even need the services of big man Jason Lampkin, who stayed on the bench and watched his team stop the Runnin' Rebels.

Jonathan Santos led Kagman with his 16 points, Yu added 14, and Jesse Santos contributed 12. Mike Muna and Andrew Palino combined for 12 markers, while Ton Malwelbug came off the bench and chipped in 7.

Matthew Peters had 16 for the Runnin' Rebels, who also got 10 and 8 markers, respectively, from Ken Abobo and E.J. Ermitanio, and the rest of the team totaled for 15 points.

The Runnin' Rebels trailed right at the get-go, as it could not contain Kagman's starters. Kagman, on the other hand, increased its lead as the game progressed to take the easy win.

Kagman 70 – Jo. Santos 16, Yu 14, Je. Santos 12, Muna 8, Malwelbug 7, Palino 4, Butter 4, Mettao 2.

Runnin' Rebels 52 – Peters 16 Abobo 10, Ermitanio 8, Kabiriel 4, Anderson 4, Olaitiman 4, Borja 3.

Scoring by quarters: 14-9, 34-22, 49-40, 70-52.

14 teams join St. Jude softball tournament



A softball tournament was held during the St. Jude 25th Silver Festival Celebration over the weekend at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Fourteen teams participated in the three-day tournament with champion Angel leading the field. Other squads that joined the competition were Akkari, Jada, Achu, Maamaaw, Crusaders, Chura Talu, Afaas, Mike 4G, Reere, Carida, Nobia, Manhoben 4IT and Pablo. Kyle and Gus Kaipat coordinated the event.

It was a great weekend seeing families, relatives, and friends all around the field cheering for their teams and having barbecues. The weather was just

great with no rain to disrupt the celebration, according to a press statement from organizers.

Barbecue stands are all over the field, while the St. Jude Snack Stand was very busy especially with the kids lining up to buy their ice cups. The snack stand was able to make about \$500 in sales. All proceeds will go to the St. Jude Renovation Project.

The St. Jude Parishioners and their Pastor, Rev. Fr. Rey Telic would like to thank the following for their support: softball tournament officials, Pacific Trading, Inc., and J.C. Tenorio Enterprises, donors of the St. Jude Snack Stand, the Division of Parks and Recreation Office, and everyone who took part and watched the tournament. (PR)



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Shirley's FC routs Kanoa FC in youth league

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REPORTER



Shirley's Football Club walloped Kanoa FC, 8-1, during the girls U15 game in the 2014 NMIFA Fall League last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Katrina Costales and Diana Maniacop towed Shirley's to victory after scoring two goals apiece. Jasmin Phan, Jerlyn Castillo, Catherine Reyes, and De' Jana Muna contributed one goal each in Shirley's demolition of Kanoa FC. Princess Alcantara was the only player to hit the board for Kanoa.

In the other girls U15 match, MP United topped Paire FC, 4-0.

Gilliam Villagomez powered MP United to victory after drilling a hat-trick. She made two goals in the first half and scored the team's last, while Grace Cho also found the back of the net in the second half.

Still at the Hopwood pitch for the co-ed U12 division, MP United was also triumphant after defeating Tan Holdings FC, 4-2.

Mark Esalan delivered a hat-trick for MP United, while Oliver Lee scored the go-ahead in



A Shirley's FC player gets away from two Kanoa FC defenders during their game in the girls U15 division of the NMIFA fall league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

the second half. Esalan tallied his first two goals in the second and 13th minute and got one more in the second half, while Lee lit up the board in the 48th,

three minutes after Tan Holdings forced the third deadlock in the match. Thaipi Austria canned the equalizer and also scored Tan Holding's two other

goals in the first half.

In the other co-ed U12 tiff, Paire FC registered a similar 4-3 win over Kanoa FC.

Kaden Church logged the last two goals for Paire to lift his team to the close victory. Nolan Mariano and Dominic Torres posted the two other goals for Paire, while Kirt Andon collected the two

EDA

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Haruya Eda and Mimi Sakano showed the way for Team SCS after ruling the boys and girls U14 divisions.

Eda, younger brother of Seiya, beat teammate Vincent Tudela by one second after clocking in at 11:40. ACS' Jonathan Xiong came in third at 12:10.

Sakano was the fastest in the girls U14 class with a time of 13:50, almost two minutes ahead of Hopwood Junior

High School's Kiana Valencia (15:22). Elin Wang of ACS finished third (12:10).

Ken Song (5:29), Won Lee (6:01) and Hyun Lee (6:07) completed an SCS sweep in the boys U12, while ACS' Annie Wang (6:36) and Michelle Li (8:14) and SCS' Desnei Camacho (8:16) rounded out the Top 3 in the girls side.

SCS and San Vicente School bets were the Top 3 finishers in the boys and girls U10 divisions with Kai Stone (6:51) and Sedrei Camacho (8:03) winning

for the Tsunamis.

SVS' Ron Muna (6:57) and Hyeonbin Jeong of SCS (7:10) completed the Top 3 finishers in the boys U10, while SCS' Katie Choi (8:11) and SVS' Delaila Gimed (8:27) placed second and third in the girls' class.

SCS swept the U8 age group with Derrick Kwon (6:56), Tyler Hunsberger (7:08) and Shea Stone (7:18) prevailing in the boys race and Jenny Zhang (7:59), Chelsea Kang (7:59) and Hila Bacani (8:15) duplicating the feat in the girls division.

JERICHO

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Painters went on to lose against San Miguel Beer, 79-87.

"Well, I was one of the guys that came off the bench. I was shocked that coach [Yeng Guiao] called me to sub for Ryan," said Cruz.

"There was pressure. I was nervous a little bit since this is no longer University Athletic Association of the Philippines or PBA Developmental League games anymore. This is the pros," added the former CNMI national basketball team member.

Cruz made his first PBA field goal, off a fastbreak play, in the 3:14 mark of the third with a foul to boot from San Miguel forward Ronald Tubid. He completed the 3-point play to move

the Elasto Painters within four, 60-56.

"I was pumped up and ready to go score some more when my first basket went in. And I scored against one of the best defensive players in the league [Tubid]. At least I got the jitters away and I'm ready for our next game," added the former Marianas High School standout.

Despite the loss, Cruz remained optimistic of the Elasto Painters' campaign in the season-opening conference since the All-Filipino Cup is just a few days old.

"It is like an NBA-like atmosphere. I know we lost but it is still a good game for us. We kept the game close and lessons were learned after this game.

The season just started," added Cruz, who finished with three points and one block.

The Elasto Painters played their season debut minus prolific guards Paul Lee and Chris Tiu, and Gabe Norwood. Lee failed to finish the match after hyperextending his right knee in the second quarter, while Tiu is still recuperating from a hamstring injury and is expected to return next month. Norwood just returned to Manila last Tuesday after an extended vacation in the United States following his stint with the Philippine national men's basketball team in the International Basketball Federation World Cup in Spain and the Incheon Asian Games in South Korea.

Meanwhile, Cruz and the Elasto Painters play their second game tonight against expansion team Blackwater Elite at the Smart Araneta Coliseum.

goals for Kanoa and Angelo Ada added one.

Over at the Oleai Sports Complex Field for the boys U15 division, Tan Holdings FC and MP United engaged in a 1-1 draw. Matthew Ong scored for MP United, while Junsik Kim gave Tan Holdings its lone goal.

The other boys U15 matches last weekend saw Matansa

pounding Shirley's FC, 5-0. Evan Belcher led Matansa with his three goals, while Chad Shankweiler chipped in two.

In the boys U18 division game, MP United also recorded a 5-0 triumph over Paire FC. Tanapon Unsa stood out in the rout, hitting for goals, while Chris Park recorded the other goal for MP United.

Masga aims to avenge teammates in PXC 45

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Vince "The Clinch" Masga is aiming to avenge the losses of his two Trench Tech teammates when he goes up against Guam's Mcklane Alfred in the opening bout of Pacific Xtreme Combat 45 tonight.

Masga (4-1, with 3 of his wins by submission), will take on Alfred (3-1, with 1 knockout) in one of the seven undercard fights in the battle for the vacant PXC bantamweight crown between Guam's Kyle Aguon and the Philippines' Rolando Dy at the University of Guam Fieldhouse.

Alfred went 2-1 against 3 Trench Tech fighters and Masga wants to hand the former his second loss.

"I know Alfred is one of the rising contenders in the flyweight division and he has beaten two of my team-

mates. I'm looking to settle the score," said Masga, who tipped the scales at 124.9 lbs during Thursday's weigh-in.

Alfred was victorious against Trench Tech fighters Josh "Chaos" Duenas and Mark "The Dark" Nuique in last year's PXC 40 and PXC 44 this year. He beat Duenas by unanimous decision and defeated Nuique by rear naked choke. The Guahan Top Team fighter then lost to Roman "Boom" Alvarez by split decision in PXC 42 in February this year.

Masga said he aims to be the aggressor against Alfred the entire fight.

"My plan is to push the pace all three rounds, break his spirit, and take the win," Masga said.

Trench Tech's Shane "Pika-boo" Alvarez (10-1), who weighed in at 125.7 lbs., is also in the undercard and will be fighting Ultimate Fighting Championship veteran Darren Uyenoyama (8-5-0).

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hit to tie the game.

In the third set, MHS zoomed to a 5-0 lead and foiled the Knights' numerous comeback bids to complete the victory.

In other results last Thursday, Mt. Carmel downed MHS' junior varsity team, 25-18, 20-25, 15-4; Saipan International

School's junior varsity squad tripped Saipan Southern High School varsity, 25-20, 25-20, 15-5; SIS' varsity handed SSHS JV a 25-9, 25-12, 15-7 beating; and Kagman High School won by forfeit against SSHS JV.

Last Tuesday, SIS' JV side played back-to-back games against Marianas Baptist Academy and Mt. Carmel. The Geckos posted a 25-23, 25-20,

15-12 sweep against the Stormz then dealt the Knights a 14-25, 26-24, 16-14 beating. SIS' varsity team clipped MHS, 25-11, 25-13, 15-8.

SSHS went 1-1 after dropping a 25-16, 7-25, 6-15 decision against GCA and winning against Kagman, 20-25, 26-24, 15-7. SSHS junior varsity escaped with a 25-23, 17-25, 18-16 triumph over MBA.

them, adding 16 points, while four other PSS players contributed at least 5 markers apiece.

Michael Achas paced McDonald's with his 14 points, while McLain Achas chipped in 13.

In the first game, Saipan Ice & Water eked out an 86-84 win over Top Development, Inc.

Saipan Ice now has a 2-3 record to stay in contention for the playoffs, while TDI has yet to win a game after five matches and is in danger of getting eliminated in the nine-team league. Only the Top 6 teams will advance to the playoffs with the Top 2 moving automatically to the semis and the other four battling for the two remaining Final Four seats. Saipan Ice is in a tie for sixth place with Commonwealth

Utilities Corp.

First Game

Saipan Ice 86 – Kaipat 17, Villanueva 17, Kewlani 17, Cayading 12, Santy 7, Pangelinan 6, Norita 2.

TDI 84 – Velasco 38, Reyes 28, Lorenzo 8, Arreza 4, Lumayag 2, Barros 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-25, 55-44, 59-67, 86-84.

Second Game

PSS 78 – Basa 21, Villacrusis 16, Lose 9, Mendez 6, Manibusan 6, Villagomez 5, Santos 3, Diaz 2.

McDonald's 58 – Mi. Achas 14, Mc. Achas 13, Quemado 8, Gapor 8, Cruz 6, Masga 5, Deleon Guerrero.

Scoring by quarters: 22-10, 36-30, 60-47, 78-58.

Joe Villacrusis was one of

Jericho shakes off rookie jitters



KC CRUZ

Rain or Shine rookie Jericho Cruz tries to score against San Miguel defenders in their game in the All-Filipino Cup of the Philippine Basketball Association's 40th season last Tuesday at the Smart Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City.

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Jericho Cruz shook off rookie jitters in his much-anticipated debut in the 40th season of the Philippine Basketball Association's All-Filipino Cup last Tuesday night at the Smart Araneta Coli-

seum in Quezon City.

Cruz did not start for Rain or Shine, which tabbed him as the 9th overall pick in this year's rookie draft, but was called early from the bench to replace starter Ryan Arana. Cruz and his Elasto



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Matansa downs Shirley's FC, 3-1

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Matansa Football Club triumphed over Shirley's Football Club, 3-1, in M-League's Division 2 game last Wednesday night at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Matansa got a break early in the match, as it was credited with an own goal off Shirley's miscue, while Titu Ahmed and Jonathan Nogis scored the two other goals. Ahmed made it to the board late in the first half, while Nogis scored in the second. Shirley's avoided a shutout when it drew a goal from Jerry Tan in the final frame.

In another Division 2 results, Sun Palace defeated the Thundercats in last Sunday's fourth match, 3-0. Joon Kim led Sun Palace's win after nailing a pair of goals, while Yongwoon Choi added one. Joon drilled both goals in the first half, scoring his first in the 24th and the second seven minutes later, while Choi lit up the board in the 59th minute.

The Thundercats absorbed back-to-back losses, as they also fell to Shirley's last week, 2-3.

In the final match last weekend, Saipan World Resort forced a draw against Kanoa FC, 1-1.

Mason Fruit logged the equalizer in the second Division

2 game of the night, as he hit his target in the 46th minute. Earlier in the 16th minute, Jack Phan scored and gave Kanoa the lead.

In Division 1, Inter Godfathers, Korean Football Association on Saipan, and MP United prevailed in their respective matches.

Inter Godfather's opened last Sunday's action and edged defending champion Wild Bill's, 2-1. Peter Loken and Arkie Reusora delivered the goods for Inter Godfather's after scoring in the 17th and 77th minute. Jack Thoensaket registered the lone goal for Wild Bill's with his shot in the 47th minute.

In the second game, KFAS also recorded a 2-1 triumph over Paire.

Jae Kwang Oh put KFAS on top with his goal in the 54th minute, but Paire knotted the count off Ajani Burrell's goal three minutes later. Neither team scored in the remaining minutes of the first half and the drought continued for more than 20 minutes of the second frame before Ji Sung Cha nailed the go-ahead for KFAS in the 71st minute.

In the third match, MP United cruised to a 4-1 win over Tan Holdings FC.

Joe Miller anchored the victory with his hat-trick, while Zhi Peng Lin posted the other goal for MP United. Kwok Pun Wong made the lone goal for Tan Holdings with his conver-

sion in the 15th minute putting his team on top. Miller then canned the game-tying goal in the 22nd minute, while Lin's shot in the 69th gave MP United

the upper hand. Miller went on to cap his strong showing against Tan Holdings with back-to-back goals in the second half (75th and 77th minute).



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Shirley's Football Club's Fradel Sedillo uses his chest to keep the ball, while a Matansa Football Club player stays on defense during the first half of their game in Division 2 of the M-League last Wednesday night at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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Eda, SCS dominate cross country race

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Seiya Eda topped anew the second leg of the 2014 All Schools Cross Country Series, while Saipan Community School dominated most of the age group competition last Saturday at the Civic Center Beach.



The Saipan Southern High School stand-out bested 12 other runners, including two from Agape Christian School, in the boys U18 age group after completing three-lap race in 16:47. Eda was five seconds ahead of ACS' Alan Zhao (16:52) and a full minute in front of Moses Qiu (17:48). Dylan Ackerman, who competed with fellow SSHS bet Eda in last week's Oceania Cross Country Championship

in Guam, finished fourth with a time of 18:03.

Claire Song led a 1-2-3 finish for ACS bets in the U18 girls' side, topping the age group after crossing the finish line at 22:26 and was followed by Meriam Zhao (22:40) and Ruth Wang (24:49).

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Seiya Eda, left, keeps his pace as he joins a group of runners during the first lap of last Saturday's All Schools Cross Country Series 2 at the Civic Center Beach.



PSS hands McDonald's third straight loss

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Public School System added to McDonald's woes, following a 78-58 win in the second game in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

PSS improved to a 4-2 record and secured its third straight win, while McDonald's got its third consecutive

setback after a 3-0 start.

Preston Basa top-scored for PSS with his 21 markers despite missing the closing minutes of the third and the entire fourth quarter due to a scary fall. He stepped on the foot of a McDonald's player as they jockeyed for position in the paint and was down on the floor for about 10 minutes, grimacing in pain. He eventually stood up and returned to their bench with PSS on top, 52-42, 2:37 left on the clock.

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Three Public School System defenders swarm McDonald's Mike Achas during the third quarter of their game in the JP World caging last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

MHS outlasts MCS in MISO v'ball

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Marianas High School bounced back from an opening set loss to pull off a 5-25, 25-23, 17-15 triumph over Mt. Carmel School in the 2014 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Boys Volleyball League yesterday at the MHS Gymnasium.

MHS' varsity improved to 5-1 after handing Grace Christian Academy its first loss in an earlier match, 25-14, 25-23, 12-15.

The Dolphins, playing in the final game of the day against the Knights, were outplayed the entire first set as their players' spikes and kills failed to

hit the mark. Fatigue could also be a factor in their opening set loss as they rested for only a few minutes after beating the GCA Eagles.

MHS then played more relaxed in the second frame to enjoy a 24-19 edge before MCS scored four straight points to move within one. Riczi Cano saved the Dol-

phins from an impending collapse, as he found a hole in the Knights' defense with a backline

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A Marianas High School player prepares to set the ball in their game against Mt. Carmel School in the MISO volleyball league yesterday at the MHS Gymnasium.